CAIRO (AFP) — Egyptian security forces have smashed a network of Islamic militants responsible for a series of attacks in Cairo, including last week's attempted assassination of Information Minister Safwar Al Sherif. the Interior Ministry said Tuesday. It identified four of the eight suspects arrested as "leaders" of the network and said they had been trained in Afghanistan. They were arrested in the northern town of Mansura following the April 20 attack on Mr. Sherif. One of the gang's chiefs has identified as 29-year-old Ashraf Al Sayyed Ibrahim, a suspect in the murder last June of author Farag Foda. The other men were captured in search operations in Cairo and northern Egypt. The network is linked to the underground Al lihad group responsible for the assassination of former President Allivas Sadat. All the suspects, the ministry said, admitted responsibilities for the health and the suspects. admitted responsibility for the bombing of a tour bus outside Cairo's main archaeological museum in March, during which there were no casualties.

They also claimed responsibility for another bomb attack last month in a central Cairo square, which killed a police officer, it added. The suspects said they had planned to murder public figures and police officers as well as bomb areas frequented by foreign tourists.

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams

Volume 17 Number 5294

AMMAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1993, THU EL QU'DEH 7, 1413

U.S. denies working with Egyptian cleric

CAIRO (R) — The United States has denied its intelligence agents worked with a radical Muslim preacher living in New Jersey whose alleged followers have en charged with the World Nade Centre bombing. U.S. Ambassador to Egypt Robert Pelletreau was responding to re-Ports which suggested Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman was allowed into the United States in 1990 because he helped the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) channel funds to guerrillas fighting the then-communist government in Afghanistan. U.S. and state-controlled Egyptian newspapers have both questioned the State Department's version that it made a mistake when it granted a visa to Sheikh Abdul Rahman, who had been tried three times in Egypt for inciting violence. "Our officials do not have operational contacts with Omar Abdul Rahman nor did they have such contacts with him in the past, as has heen alleged, during the time of our support for the Mujahedeen in Afghanistan," Mr. Pelletreau told a group of local businessmen. "That is a false accusation" he added in a text of the speech made available Tuesday.

UAE offers to resume talks with Iran

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has offered to resume negotiations with Iran to settle an island dispute that reversed an improvement in Tehran's relations with its Gulf Arab neighbours. UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Hamdan Ben Zayed Al Nahayan made the offer in an address at a meeting of Islamic foreign ministers in Karachi Monday. "At a time when we have made great headway in restoring peace and security in our region, we reaffirm our readiness to continue a direct peaceful dialogue with the Isla-mic Republic of Iran to resolve problem of the three islands. which belong to the UAE," he said. Official sources said Sheikh Hamdan discussed the dispute with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati when they met in Karachi Sunday, But they had no information if they agreed on the

UNITA says it downed U.N. plane

resumption of the negotiations.

SAO TOME (R) — The Angolan rebel movement UNITA said Tuesday that it shot down a United Nations relief plane near the eastern city of Luena. One of the two Russian crewmen injured after the plane was forced down into a minefield died of his wounds, said the U.N.'s World Food Programme (WFP), which chartered the plane. UNITA radio, monitored in the island state of Sao Tome and Principe. said its forces besieging Luena hit the Antonov An-12 transport with a missile on Monday and it crashed in flames.

Judges heid hostage in Costa Rica

SAN JOSE (AP) - Gunmen. holding 19 supreme court justices freed one magistrate Tuesday but pressed for a swift response to their demands for \$20 million and the release of an unspecified number of prisoners. Officials in Costa Rica and Colombia speculated that the kidnappers who stormed the court building Monday belong to Colombia's Medellin cocaine cartel and are seeking the release of four cartel members arrested in September who are now awaiting trial.

Pilots face charges in Indian air crash

AURANGABAD (AP) Police accused two pilots of negligence Tuesday after an Indian Airlines jet hit a truck on takeoff and crashed, killing 56 passengers. The deaths were caused by rash and negligent behaviour of the pilots of the Boeing 737-200 whose wheels hit a truck laden with cotton bales Monday, city police chief Charan Singh Azad charged. Under Indian law. police can register a case on grounds of suspected negligence and start the investigation, Captain S.N. Singh, the pilot, and Captain Monisha Mohan the copilot, have not been arrested.

Bilaterals resume; U.S. promises active role

Israel's 'goodwill' Expellees since 1967 measures awaited

Combined agency dispatches

WASHINGTON - Arabs and Israelis began a critical round of peace talks Tuesday after a fourmonth suspension and the United States served notice it would intervene to push the negotiations.

Israel held separate talks with lordan, Lebanon and Syria Tuesday morning and was due to meet the Palestinian delegation in the

As the talks got under way, the State Department announced that Secretary of State Warren Christopher would hold an unusual meeting with all the delega-tion heads of later Tuesday (see

separate story).
Testifying before a Senate Appropriations subcommittee. Mr. Christopher said Tuesday the parties had to make a real effort to solve problems - not just identify and talk about them.

"Negotiations must be seen to work. A new sense of urgency and intensity in the talks must be evident," he said.

Syria's chief negotiator, Mouwafak Al Allaf, welcomed the meeting with. Mr. Christopher as a sign of a more active U.S. role. The previous administration of President George Bush had taken a largely hands-off

approach to the peace talks, urging

"It seems there is a big impetus of the role of the two sponsors, especially the American sponsor," Mr. Allaf said. "The proof of that is the meeting which will be held today with the secretary of state."

Russia and the United States are co-sponsors of the talks but Washington is by far the senior partner.
"We hope this is the beginning of a nice, good, constructive round," said

Abdul Salam Al Majali, the chief ordanian negotiator. Israel's chief negotiator, Elyakim Rubinstein, said he hoped the Arabs were coming back to the table with a "spirit of goodwill." He said they would find the Israeli delegations "attentive and listening."

The translation of the table with a "spirit of goodwill." He said they would find the Israeli delegations "attentive and listening."

The Israelis were reportedly car-ying a message listing a series of 'goodwill gestures," but a member of the delegation would not confirm when those might be presented. Israeli officials said concessions

would include the return of the first 35 Palestinians from among more than 1,200 expelled before the uprising broke out in 1987. Israel was also expected to offer other measures to improve conditions

in the occupied territories and will establish a human rights subcommit-(Continued on page 6)

Syria warms of war if talks fail.

prepare to return home

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Palestinian expellees who are expected to be among the first batch of Palestinians to be allowed to return home waited in Amman Tuesday for a formal Israeli, announcement of an American-sponsored plan to allow for the return of more than 2,000 Palestinians expelled by the Israeli occupation

authorities since 1967. Tears of joy and getting lastminute things done dominated Tuesday for the expellees, almost all of whom have made Jordan their home since their expulsion

in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials confirmed Tuesday that an announcement of some 35 to 37 names was expected by Wednes-day morning "at the latest."

"We expect that the return will take place either Thursday or Sunday - most probably Sunday," said Palestine Central Council (PCC) member and PLO official Saleh Raafat.

The repatriation of the exiles will be the first concrete step taken by Israel towards its Arab neighbours since the peace process began almost

The Israeli announcement is expected to include some 151 Palestinians expelled to Marj Al Zohour in South Lebanon last December. The expellees in South Lebanon

have said they will not accept a phased return and will only return as a group (see story below).
Palestinian officials are confident that the gradual repatriation of some 2,000 expellees will take place in the

"We have been given to understand that people will be allowed back in groups of 30 to 50 people," said 1980 expellee Aishe Odeh. Although Ms. Odeh will not be among the first batch of returnees she

hopes to be allowed back home in the next 12 months. I hope that next year at this time I will be back home," said the political activist, who spent ten years in Israeli

Israel has said that it would defer the return of Palestinian expellees involved in military operations against the Jewish state as well as those holding high posts in the PLO and the Palestine National Council

About half of those expected to be allowed to return belong to the PCC or PNC. Heading the list of returnees is the chief of the Federation of

Palestinian Women, Isam Abdul (Continued on page 6)

PLO gamble, page 7

Palestinians seeks neutral mission on water rights

GENEVA (Agencies) — A senior Palestinian official on Tuesday called for a neutral international mission to determine his people's rights to water on territories occupied by Israel.

Riyad Al Khoudary, a hydrology professor from Gaza, told a news conference he had issued the call at the opening of a multilateral working group on water resources which is part of the overall Middle East peace

"We cannot proceed in the working group without assessing our water rights," he said. "A fact-finding mission is not a precondition but a demand of the Palestinian people."

Israel draws more than half its water from the springs and rivers of the occupied territories, and Palestinians say while they recognise Israeli needs they seek a more equitable share and an end to restrictions on their rights to

"The starting point is our rights," said Mr. Khoudary. You can talk hundreds of hours about academic studies, (Continued on page 6)

Christopher seen moving towards 'full partner role'

From Nermeen Murad in Washington

THE CLINTON administration may be taking its first step towards implementing its pledge to be "full partner" in the Arab-Israeli peace process by calling a first-time closed meeting of all five parties to the negotiations. Washington may be also taking the first concrete step towards affirming the comprehensiveness of a settlement of the conflict. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was to hold a closed meeting with representatives of

all five parties to the talks Tuesday afternoon (Washington time) - a step which has been interpreted positively by the Arab side especially in light of his pledge last week to "actually be evenhanded" between Arabs and Israelis.

Since January the newlyelected administration has been repeatedly saying that it wanted to elevate its role to that of a "full partner" - a concept that was widely speculated on but never concretely defined or tested on the ground because of the fourmonth delay in reopening talks

This being the first round to be

held after the Clinton administration came into office in Japuary? the meeting called for by Mr. Christopher was seen by analysts here as first tangible indication of a more active role by the Amer-

"We understand the role of full partner as one that would bridge proposals, find common ground and one that would create conditions (for the U.S. to assume a) role in which it can act as guarantor of a settlement. Dr. Marwan Muasher, spokesman for the Jordanian delegation, said in an

'We are encouraged by the fact that the meeting was called at such an early time in the round and indicates a hightened representation and a higher level involvement." Dr.

Added to these elements is a new U.S. initiative to assign liaison officers to each track of negotiations. "which indicates a day to day involve-ment and understanding of the position of the different parties."

The new haison officers are a welcome development not only because of the increased U.S. involvement in each track but also because they are more senior than the ones who periodically handled such a U.S. daily involvement with the earlier admini tration, Dr. Mussher said.
While the "full partner" role is

viewed as a positive development by (Continued on page 6)

King opens JTV satellite channel, urges media to live up to challenges AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty malice," King Hussein said. King Hussein Tuesday called on "Let Jordan's democratic ros-

King Hussein Tuesday called on "Let Jordan's democratic rostinued drive to achithe Jordanian media to build a trums be open and accessible to human ambitions." new Arab man, drawing from all Arab—as long as these voices history and the heritage of the have a genuine faith in this nation Arab Nation and capable of absorbing the demands of the modern age and culture.

In an address marking the launching of a satellite channel for Jordan Television, King Hussein said that the new Arab person should be helped to contribute to the "general Arab renaissance and the united Arab state and Arab unity which Great Arab Revolt had sought to achieve and our forefathers for which have offered sacrifices."

"By inaugurating Jordan's television satellite channel, I hope that the new medium will serve as a pan-Arab voice committed to and working towards enhancing freedom and achieving Arab uni-

ty," he said.
"Let the vision be clear and let the voice be free, and pan-Arab oriented, but with a Jordanian character, totally committed to freedom and to confronting tyranny and committed to serving the cause of justice and noted with the feelings of brotherhood in the confrontation of hatred and and its rights to freedom and justice," King Hussein said.

The King recalled that the Gulf crisis had destroyed many Arab efforts and left behind destruction and division among the

"As a result of the crisis, we found ourselves facing numerous problems created by the retreat from pan-Arab culture and the principles of Arab thinking," King Hussein said.

He said the crisis brought about a "retreat from the dream of unity and an Arab tendency towards retrogression, towards accepting subjugation and hegemony with a loss of free will....."
But the most sinister thing, he added, "is the retreat among Arabs from everything that is related to Arabism or Islam towards replacing these concepts with what is called "consumption-

oriented culture and the crumbs of the culture of other nations." Congratulating Jordan Television, the King said its success was directly linked to the "free Jordatinued drive to achieve the noble

"It is true that the past 25 years were full of challenges at the social, political and natural levels, but the new era abounds with immense challenges which the new generation should rise to meet with reason, science and action," King Hussein stressed.

The young generation, he added, "should be helped to carry the standards in the new stage and remain characterised with the spirit of enthusiasm and creativity so that we can relay a true image of the new Jordan to the outside world.

King Hussein emphasised the need for the media to remain open and ready to adapt to the new facts in society, "the society of freedom, democracy and human rights, and to be able to have a clear vision, avoiding immediate reaction to events.

He expressed hope that the Jordanian media in general and Jordan Television in particular would "continue to represent the country's democratic face and open channels of genuine com-

(Continued on page 6)

مكنا منه المصل

Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor are briefed Tuesday by JTV Director General Radi

Alkhas on the new JTV satellite channel (photo by Yousef Al 'Alian)

55 injured in occupied lands

GAZA CITY, occupied Gaza Strip (Agencies) — Israeli troops wounded 55 Palestinians Tuesday in street battles on the Gaza Strip during a general strike against the resumption of Middle East talks, Palestinians said.

Soldiers fought stone-throwing demonstrators in Gaza City and four refugee camps. The strip was paralysed by the strike called by 10 Palestinian groups opposed to the Palestine Liberation Orgamisation (PLO) decision to attend a ninth round of negotiations which opened in Washington on Tuesday

In the worst violence, troops shot 22 youths as they threw stones at two army rooftop lookout posts in Bureij camp. A wounded 12-year-old had a leg amputated, officials said at Shiffa hospital in Khan Yunis.

In Rafah refugee camp, a soldier shot and seriously wounded a Palestinian who tried to hit him with an axe, military source said. The strike was solid in Gaza, where Islamic fundamentalists toured the streets at dawn urging support through loudhailers, and most of the West Bank.

Schools and shops were closed

and buses off the roads although 12,500 Palestinians went to work in Israel, Israeli authorities said. That was about half the number of Palestinians granted permits to work in Israel Tuesday despite the general ban on Arabs from the occupied territories entering the country. The Israeli cabinet extended

the ban, enforced since the end of March following the killing of 15 Israelis, at least until next weekend, officials said.

fiance of the decision by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat that the Palestinian delegation should go back to the peace talks while 400 expellees remain stranded in South Lebanon.

The 10 groups, including the Popular and Democratic fronts which come under the PLO umbrella, claimed that the PLO leadership now represents only "a tiny minority" and any agreement reached with Israel would not be binding on the people. There were some shouting

matches Tuesday between opponents and backers of the peace talks, but no violence. Both sides appeared eager to avoid confrontation. In Gaza City, both Hamas and Fatch cancelled railies at the last minute.

Expellees راقتة العامة للا مباز extend

MARI AL ZOHOUR, Lebanon (AP) - Nearly 400 Palestinian expellees squatted near Israel's forward-most military line in South Lebanon for a second day Tuesday to protest the resumption of Arab-Israeli peace talks. Branding Yasser Arafat a U.S. collaborator, the 396 exiles also

decided they would extend their protest into Wednesday, to denounce the talks in Washington. Mr. Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), ordered the negotiators to return to the United States for the ninth round of talks, which was beginning Tuesday after a four-month break.

"We shall remain here through third day to show the Palestinian collaborators with the United States that the people reject their tutelage," the exiles' spokesman Abudi Aziz Rantisi

"Those sitting with the Israelis at the Washington negotiating table have stabbed us in the back. They betrayed our cause and they will not escape the people's reck-

oning," said Dr. Rantisi, a Gaza physician. The exiles launched their 'martyrdom march" Monday to protest the return of the Palestinian delegation to the 17-month-

old peace process before their

repatriation.

Monday, they trudged out of their tent camp near the Lebanese army's southern-most lines towards the Israeli military checkpoint at Zommaraya on the northeast edge of Israel's self-styled "security zone."

When they came within eyesight of the Israelis, troops fired warning volleys.

Confident Yeltsin challenges rivals MOSCOW (Agencies) - Rus-

sian President Boris Yeltsin drew strength from his weekend referendum win Tuesday, giving the rival parliament a last chance to cooperate or be bypassed and warning the Bosnian Serbs they were on their own.

With virtually all the votes counted, the electoral commission said Mr. Yeltsin had won 58 per cent in a vote of confidence and 53 per cent in a vote of his economic reforms.

As referendum tributes poured in from relieved Western leaders, Mr. Yeltsin warned Bosnian Serbs they would have to face the consequences alone if they continued to defy an international peace plan.

"The Russian Federation will not protect those who resist the will of the world community," he said in a statement distributed by his press office.

The statement apparently signalled an end to attempts to appease nationalists in parliament, who see Serbs as Russia's natural allies, on the Yugoslav question.

Mr. Yeltsin's opponents, led by parliament Chairman Rusian Khasbulatov, have dismissed the results of the referendum as a draw with no impact on the de-

bilitating power struggle.

Michail Poltoranin told ITAR-TASS news agency Mr. Yeltsin had received enough votes to take tough action against parliament and its parent body, the Congress of People's Deputies. The president was given a free

hand by the people to act decisively," he said. Voters stopped short of deciding on early parliamentary elections as only 44 per cent of the overall electorate voted "yes" to that question while only 33 per cent of all eligible voters favoured

an early presidential election. Presidential aides were nonetheless unanimous in interpreting the results as a victory for Mr. Yeltsin, in particular on the second question on approval of reforms, which they viewed was a

clear mandate for Mr. Yeltsin Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Shakhrai, Mr. Yeltsin's top legal adviser, warned that the parliament now had to freeze or reverse all resolutions that ran counter to the government's re-

form policies. Mr. Shakhrai argued that the referendum results gave lawmakers a "moral and political obliga-'tion" to support reform and that the government would soon present a list of parliamentary decisions that should be revoked.

Landslide vote for **Eritrean** independence

NAIROBI (Agencies) — In a resounding victory for the guerrillas who fought Africa's longest war this century, Eritreans voted overwhelmingly to ratify the de facto independence they have enjoyed for two years.

More than 99 per cent of voters backed secession from Ethiopia, according to official results of the weekend independence referendum announced in the Eritrean capital Asmara Tuesday. The landslide vote was as ex-

pected. Memories of the tyranny of ousted Ethiopian dictator Mengistu Haile Mariam are still fresh, and nationalist fervour remains strong.

The provisional government set up two years ago is expected

to declare independence on May

24, the second anniversary of the

fall of Asmara to the Eritrean

Peoples Liberation Front The 30-year struggle began after Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie annexed Eritrea in 1962. More than a million of the 1.2 million Eritreans registered to vote in the referendum cast their ballots for independence. Only

1,800 voted against.

No response to aid call, page

Yemenis vote in test for Arab democracy

SANAA (Agencies) — Voters flocked to polling stations Tuesday to elect a parliament, a rarity in the Arab Peninsula, where most countries are ruled by royal families.

It was the first election since North Yemen merged with South Yemen nearly three years ago. The turnout was heavy in the morning when all but one of the 2,000 polling centres opened to voters, thousands of whom

already were waiting in line.

It is expected to take three days to count the ballots and announce the results of the election that is a key test of Yemen's infant demo-Although the election was

twice postponed over the past,

vear because of political violence,

Tuesday's voting was largely!

But polling station no. 90, in the Red Sea Hodeida province. was closed to voters because of a tribal shootout in which three people were killed last week.

That clash began when a candi-cate of the Muslim fundamentalist Al Islah candidate shot dead a rival candidate from the General People's Congress (GPC).

Steel-helmeted, rifle-wielding security forces guarded squares, intersections and polling stations beginning at midnight Monday. Official sources said a total-37,000 soldiers and security men have been deployed to ensure a peaceful turnout.

(Continued on page 6) Experts see steady gain for democracy, page 2

Khartoum and rebels clear major snag in talks

southern rebels agreed Tuesday to discuss confederation prospects for their war-torn country, ending a dispute which had held up the second day of crucial peace talks.

Conference participants said that both sides agreed in principle on a talks agenda submitted by host country Nigeria, containing a point on confederation, after "diplomatic pressure" from Nigerian authorities.

The agenda also covers religion, a transitional accord on a ceasefire, the definition of north and south Sudan and the possibility of a national referendum after a transition period, the sources

ABUJA (AFP) — Sudan's The delegation of the Sudan military-led government and People's Liberation Party (SPLA), which has been fighting for a decade to free mainly non-Muslim south Sudan from domination by the Islamic worth, had insisted that a confederation should be discussed.

> But the junta's team had been opposed on the ground that the SPLA plan meant separatism.

Government interim delegation leader Al Haj Mohammad said earlier: "We have agreed to the principle of an interim arrangement during which issues such as power sharing, welfare, human rights, sharing of natural resources can be worked out, but we are certainly not here to discuss confederation or selfdetermination."

Syria says war looms if Mideast peace talks fail

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Syria said Tuesday that failure of the ninth round of Middle East peace talks would bring the region to "the brink of new wars." It urged Washington to keep its promise and play the role of full partner and honest broker in the iatest round of talks opening in Washington Tuesday.

Damascus issued the twin appeal and warning through its official daily Tishreen, which refiects government thinking.

"It should be clear that failure of the ninth round (of talks) and a retraction of Washington from pledges it made would undermine the whole peace process and put the region on the brink of new wars, tension and bloody violence," it said.

Jordan has also warned that the Middle East will "slide towards an abyss" if peace talks fail. King Hussein Friday said he

believed the talks were close to a breakthrough but added: "If it is not resolved now I think that we will be sliding towards an abyss.' Syria played a major role in

convincing the reluctant Palestinians to return to the talks, which resumed after four months of suspense caused by Israel's expulsion of 415 Palestinians in December.

The Palestinians returned without the concessions they demanded from Israel for speeding up the return of the expellees.

Tishreen said the Arabs — Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, and the Palestinians — only agreed to go to Washington after assurances from the United States that it would act as a full and honest partner "unbiased to Israel."

"The ninth round will show the seriousness of the U.S. position

and Washington's readiness to translate these slogans into specific steps," it said.

We should say that these U.S. assurances encouraged the Arabs to participate in the ninth round because Arabs did not base any hopes on the Israeli position.

Tishreen said the Israeli government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "does not want peace and is not seeking a just and comprehensive settlement.

'Arabs have done their bit to build a just peace and the world and the United States is now required to force Israel to comply with international will and accept U.N. resolutions. This would achieve a permanent peace,"

Tishreen said. Al Thawra daily, another official newspaper, said the ninth round was a new start for the Middle East peace process launched in Madrid in October 1990. "The United States would be held responsible for the success of

conference" if we can describe it as this," Al Thawra said. A third official daily, the English-language Syria Times, also urged Washington to lead the ninth round of talks to success

the second start of the Madrid

or the chances for peace would disappear. "Now, the time has come to speak louder. The United States

has to play the role of full partner, and to be the driving force and stick to the terms of the original invitation and to its letter of assurances ... otherwise the promise of peace which loomed once in the Middle East sky will vanish for ever.'

Sarid: Golan should be returned Israel must be ready to give up

Knesset member urges Palestinian-Israeli truce

member of the Israeli Knesset who is a leader of the Democratic ' Arab Party (DAP) says a ceasefire between Palestinians and Israelis is a critical first step toward bridging the gap between the two sides and resuming Middle East peace talks.

Appearing at a press confer-ence here, Abdul Wahab Darawshe said he is "launching an initiative to end the violence... because I want to be the bridge of peace between our people - the Palestinians — and our country, Israel." The news conference was sponsored by the National Asso-

ciation of Arab Americans. Mr. Darawshe, an Israeli citizen of Palestinian origin who founded the DAP in 1988, said Arabs voting in 1992 elections in Israel captured the highest number of seats in history in recent elections. He said the DAP gained 41,000 votes, granting it

two seats.
"I believe it is reasonable to reach a ceasefire (between the Palestinians and Israelis) for six months, to give the peace process a chance to succeed," he said. pointing out that Syria, Jordan and Lebanon have had ceasefire agreements with Israel for 20

Mr. Darawshe told reporters he has discussed the prospects of such an agreement with influential Israeli and Palestinian leaders, including Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Palestine leader Yasser Arafat and Faisal Husseini, who heads the Palestinian delegation at the ninth round of talks.

"Distinguished Palestinians and Israelis with whom I met agreed" and will come to the talks with such a proposal," Mr.

WASHINGTON (USIA) — A Darawshe said. "There is a need to discuss this issue on the table in the coming weeks... They had some nuances which they will discuss... but I believe there is a base for such a suggestion. I am hopeful they will reach this (accord).

Asked what assurance he had that Palestinians would honour a ceasefire agreement, Mr. Darawshe said that in the past Palestinian violence has occurred "when people felt they had nothing to

"If they feel a ceasefire will lead to a solution... give them a chance to have thier sovereignty - autonomy... the massive majority will respect that and will feel it is in their interest." He said a political solution — based on the principle of land for peace, as set forth U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 — must be reached.

Mr. Darawshe said other actions in addition to the ceasefire are needed on the part of Israel to restore confidence and create an atmosphere that is conducive to the resumption of negotiations. He said Israel must agree to abide by U.N. Security Council Resolution 731, which calls for the repatniation of all deportees.

Pointing out that expulsion is a form of punishment in violation of the Geneva Convention, he called upon Israel to announce the return of 400 Palestinian deportees now in southern Lebanon and to give a commitment that Israel will not use deportation as a form of punishment again.

Mr. Darawshe also called on the Israeli government to institute a series of measures which he said are "critical to the success of talks": to improve the standard of living Palestinians in the occupied



Abdul Wahab Darawshe

territories, to stop the demolition of houses, and to encourage economic .development, industrialisation and projects to provide jobs.

He said he has discussed with Arab, European and American leaders the need for more investment in the occupied territories to increase the opportunities for jobs and to raise the standard of living of people who are suffering from real famine."

During his Washington visit, Mr. Darawshe said he will meet with Martin Indyk, senior director for Near East and South Asian affairs at the National Security Council; Ambassador Samuel Lewis, director of Policy planning at the Department of State, and other State Department officials; members of Congress, including Senator Nancy Kassebaum, (Republican-Kansas) and Rep. David Bonior (Democrat-Michigan); Arab ambassadors; and the Palestinian delegation to push the ninth round of talks and peace process in a direction that will bring fruitful results for the region.3

Egyptian communists see need for liberalisation

By Sausan Ghosheh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — "The major problem that communist parties face in the Arab World is the absence of democracy, says Ibrahim Badrawi, an Egyptian communist leader, who was a delegate at the Jordanian Communist Party's

congress held April 21-23.
The Egyptian Communist
Party (ECP) is one of the
oldest, and, according to political analysts, the most experienced Communist Party in the Arab World.

Disbandment and reestablishment has been a characteristic of the Egyptian Communist Party for more than 70 years, Mr. Badrawi said.

Since its establishment in 1921 and until 1981, Mr. Badrawi said, the existence of the ECP was unstable, since its members had been a target for imprisonment and tor-

Currently, the ECP is still illegal. But under Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptian government has eased its grip on the ECP, perceiving that Islamists are more dangerous. This indicates a major turnover in Arab policy, which, in the past supported Islamists to hinder the growth of the communists.

Despite the fall of the Soviet Union, the ECP still adheres to Marxism, explaining that the problem is not in the theory it is in its malprac-

Marxism, according to Mr. Badrawi, is a flexible philosophy that changes with time and place. The ECP, he maintained, uses Marxism to understand the Egyptian society and to try to resolve the problems.

Mr. Badrawi said that the goals of the ECP were: the strengthening of democracy and political and economic independence of Egypt as well as social and economic development. Socialism, he added, can only materialise in the long run.

The absence of democracy. accompanied with the poor economic conditions, have resulted in the "intellectual and physical terrorism" currently present in Egypt by Islamist groups as well as the 'counter-terrorism' practised by the government, he

"There is a need to liberalise politically and to allow political parties to operate freely." otherwise there will be no end to this violence, Mr. Badrawi said.

He said the ECP perceives religion to be a personal matter, and it never attacked it. Historically, he added, some of the founders of ECP were clergy in Al Azhar, an ancient religious school in

Egypt.
"The ECP differentiates between religion and religious beliefs," said Mr. Badrawi. "We are against utilising religion to reach social and political goals."

Experts say democracy making slow, steady gain

WASHINGTON (USIA) Despite many obstacles and challenges, democracy and a respect for human rights are steadily taking hold in the Middle East, according to a group of Arab experts.

The experts spoke during a contetence on the "Chai to Democracy in the New sponsored by the National Endowment for

Democracy (NED) April 26. Human rights and democratic activists from nearly 60 countries, including the Dalai Lama from Tibet, attended the conference. NED is a private non-profit, grant-making agency created to strengthen democratic institutions around the

world. The panel addressing democratic prospects in the Middle East included: Saadeddin Ibrahim, chairman of the Ben Khaldoun Centre for Development Studies in Cairo and professor of political sociology at the American University in Cairo; Hayder Ibrahim Ali, director of the Sudanese Research Centre, based in Cairo; Raufa Hassan, head of the Communication and Information Department at Sanaa University in Yemen; and Asma Khader, a human rights lawyer in Jordan.

.

.

Mr. Ibrahim, Ms. Khader, and Ms. Hassan reported on the democratic progress taking place in the region, while Mr. Ali offered a more pessimistic view of this progress.

The last 10 years have witnessed "slow but steady strides in the area of respect for human rights and democratisation," Mr. Ibrahim said.

Arab capital would allow a human rights conference to take place, Mr. Ibrahim said such a conference recently took place in Cairo.

Ten years ago, "hardly any regime or government in the be democratic," he said. "To-day, out of 21 Arab countries, at least nine have - in reality or in prtense — 'participatory politics," he said.

Elections have taken place in Morocco, Mauritania, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon and Yemen, Mr. Ibrahim noted. Ten years ago this was unheard of," he said.

The lack of democracy in the Arab World can be traced to chronic conflict and civil strife, Mr. Ibrahim said. Leaders in the region have often used these conflicts as excuses "to postpone and circumvent democratisation," he said. These conflicts have also drained national budgets away from economic and social development, he added.

The future of democratisation in the region is therefore "contingent on achieving an equitable peace in the Middle East," Mr. Ibrahim stressed. With the achivement of peace, Arab governments can focus on the social and economic development "necessary to sustain democratisation. said.

Mr. Ibrahim scoffed at those who fear democracy in the Middle East will strengthen the power of the political Islam movement. "Fear that Islam may use democracy to under-

tical preposition," he said. This fear "should not be used to undermine democratic

forces," he said. Islamic groups that use violence as a means of gaining political power are "splinter Islamists can be accommodated in the democratisation process," he added.

Mr. Ibrahim voiced frustra-

the Golan Heights in order to reach a lasting peace with Syria,

Israeli Environment Minister

Mr. Sarid, a member of the

left-wing Meretz Party which is in

coalition with the Labour Party of

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin,

made the call on Israeli Televi-

lasting peace with Syria without

announcing right now that Israel

is ready to give up its sovereignty

Heights Israel must achieve total

peace, which implies a normalisa-

tion of relations, an exchange of

ambassadors and the opening of

An Israeli pull-out could only be considered if these conditions

were met, he said, and if Israel

received "very strong security

Mr. Sarid stressed he was ex-

pressing his party's opinion and

that his comments were not a.

statement of official government

Pope meets Hariri

II and Lebanon's Prime Minister

Rafik Hariri Monday discussed

the Middle East peace process,

Papal spokesman Joaquin

Navarro said during the Pope's

half-hour meeting with Mr.

Hariri, the Lebanese leader

wanted to thank the pontiff for

his and the Vatican's "moral aid

in the reconstruction of Leba-

Also discussed was "the Mid-

dle East peace process and the

important role in it played by the

the Vatican said.

In Vatican City Pope John Paul

borders," Mr. Sarid added.

"In exchange for the Golan

over Golan," he said.

"It is impossible to conclude a

Yossi Sarid said Monday.

tion with those who say there is little evidence of democratic progress in the region. While it is a small step, "holding a (human rights) meeting is progress," he said. Mr. Ibrahim said proponents of democracy in the region are not only fighting against "corrupt and autocratic governments and Islamic extremists," they must also contend with "intellectuals who never believe we can move to democratic govern-

Ms. Khader and Ms. Hassan offered brief reviews of the democratic porcess taking place in Jordan and Yemen. Ms. Khader noted that Jordan has allowed Islamic groups to participate in the country's political life. Representatives of these Islamic groups, along with other political organisations, helped to draft Jordan's National Charter, she said.

Despite obstacles and challenges to democracy in Jordan, Ms. Khader said "there is a good chance to continue the successful (democratisation) experience.

The value of freedom and equality," can be found in any religion or culture, as long as "the people believe in those

USEFUL TELEPHONE

NUMBERS

NIGHT DUTY

778959

Mahmoud Al Abbadi ..



and South Yemen merged three years ago (AFI YEMENIS VOTE: Yemeni women Tuesday vote in their country's first general elections after North

values," Ms. Kahder said. Ms. Hassan said Yemeni experience since unification in 1990 "shows that a civil society is on its way" and that it is possible that democracy can. exist" in the Middle East.

She noted that since unification, the number of Yemen's newspapers had grown from five to over one hundred. Before unification, there was one political party in the North and one in the South, she said. Today, there are 25 political parties, she pointed out. (She added, however, that only eight of these parties are strong enough to win seats in parlia-

Using herself as an example, Ms. Hassan said that the. acceptance of women in political life has progressed. Ms. Hassan was a candidate in Yemen's parliamentary elections. held Tuesday.

Noting that she was physically attacked a few days ago because of her political activities, Ms. Hassan said the public reaction to this attack demonstrated that "the people are against this kind of atti-

Hayder Ibrahim Ali offered the lone pessimistic view on the prospects for democracy in the Middle East. Bearing in mind the present conditions in the Middle East." there is little chance for democracy in the region, Mr. Ali said. Putting the blame on "defec-

tive, corrupt regimes and elites" and Islamic fundamentalist groups, Mr. Ali said "there will be no change, at least in the coming 20

Mr. Ali said Islamists are calling for democracy in order "to elimionate democracy." If an Islamist party gains power

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

630341

775121 843402

896390

through an election, "it will be the last election," he said. "It is not possible to establish democracy without demo-crats," Mr. Ali said. Autocratic rule, not only in government, but also in organisations such as political parties and unions, has prevented mass

participation and the creation

of "democrats," he said. These factors make "the prospects of democracy in the Arab World rather gloomy, he said.

Democratic values must be assimilated into the national culture of the Arab World before democratisation can truly take place, Mr. Ali said. The masses must be mobilised and be given "a chance to establish a civil society," he said. After that has taken place, "there will be a good chance for democracy."

10 states to coordinate battle against drugs of the problem.

NICOSIA (Agencies) — Officials of 10 member countries of a regional pact which included major drug producers Afghanistan and Pakistan have agreed to coordinate their fight against drugs, Iran's IRNA news agency reported.

It said anti-drug officials of the Economic Cooperation Organisation (ECO), whose member states extend from Chinese borders to Europe, decided at the end of a two-day meeting in Tehran to exchange information on traffickers.

The chairman of the conference, Hojatoleslam Ali Zargar of Iran, said an Iranian proposal to set up a joint fund for fighting drugs would be discussed at a future meeting in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan.

Iran's police chief General Reza Seifollahi told the conference Sunday that production of 3.000 to 3,500 tonnes of opium a year in South West Asia and international drug gangs active there posed a serious threat to the region, IRNA said.

Iran is greatly worried about poppy and hemp cultivation in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Gen. Seifollahí said. Opíum, morphine and heroin are extracted from poppies while hemp yields hash-

Gen. Seifollahi said Iran had built 4,000 kilometre of roads and 70 outposts along its eastern borders in a bid to curb the smuggling of drugs into Iran and on to Europe. Hojatolesiam Zargar said Ira-

nian agents seized 62 tonnes of drugs and arrested 45,000 trafficers and addicts in the year ended March 20. Iran imposes the death penalty for possession of 30 grammes of heroin or five kilogrammes of opium.

Most of the delegates - also from Turkey, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kirghizistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan and northern Cyprus blamed Afghanistan as the source year.

They said drugs then departed for Europe through the two main transit routes of Iran-Turkey and Central Asia.

The collapse of the Soviet Union left "transparent borders" and made their countries a convenient drug route to Europe, also exposing Central Asian populations to unprecedented drug problems, they said.

Azerbaijani officials said young Azeris were abusing drugs more often than in the past and this was

increasing crime. Kazakhstan authorities reported the seizure of 12 tonnes of marijuana and 17 tonnes of opium in the last year and the arrests of 6,000 people on drug

charges. Kirghizistan said six tonnes of drugs were seized and 32 narcotics laboratories discovered in the past year. In addition, 1,900 drug-related crimes were recorded in a country with only 4.5 million people.

Turkmenistan acknowledged having similar problems and called for "through studies and efforts" to find the root of the problem in the region.

Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Kirghizistan, and Azerbaijan joined ECO in 1991 shortly after

their independence.

Afghanistan blamed the drug problem on its long civil war, the incompetence of previous governments, its economic crisis and the international mafia and called for a religious crusade against

'the plague." Pakistan, widely considered to be a major drug producing country, also vowed to increase its fight against addicts and smugglers and said there were plans to turn poppy fields into land for other commodities.

But documents presented at the meeting showed that less than seven tonnes of drugs have been seized in Pakistan in the past

MARKET PRICES

Damascus (PI)
Beirut (ME)
Cairo (MS)
Sanaa (IY)
Jeddah (SU)

JORDAN TELEVISION Tel: 773111-19

18:00	RAMME TWO
9:00	
	French
9:30	News ii
00:00	News
9:30	Chance in
1:00	
1:30	Doc
2:00	
2-30	2000 Mad

'As

05:48 12:33

16:12

41-414	
St. Mary of Nazareth Church Swe Tel. 810740	iliek,
Assemblies of God Church, 632785.	Tcl.
St. Joseph Church Tcl. 624590. Church of the Annunciation	Tel.
637440. De la Salle Charch Tcl. 661757	
Terrasaucta Church Tel: 622366	

CHURCHES

Arment 771331. 652526 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Tel. 823824, 654932. Saints Tel. 823824, 654932, reh of the Nazarene Tel. 675691.

WEATHER

lictin supplied by the Department of

It will be pa will be wester

Amman	Min_/Max. temp. 8 / 23
Aqaba	16 <i>1</i> 31
Jordan Valley Yesterday's high to	

artly cloudy and a slight atures is expected. Winds fly moderate, freshening Aqaba, winds will be forate and seas caim. Min/Max. temp. 8 / 23 16 / 31 7 / 25	Dr. Mahmoud Al Hindi 898787 Fires pharmacy 661912 Ferdows pharmacy 778336 Al Asema pharmacy 623672 Al Salam pharmacy 623672 Al Salam pharmacy 637035 Yacoub pharmacy 64945 Shmeisani pharmacy 623672 Najib pharmacy 623672 Najib pharmacy 847632 IRBID: Dr. Ali Al Shuqairi 6 Al Ouds pharmacy 67
igh temperatures: Am- a 29. Humidity readings:	ZARQA: Dr. Abdul Karim Khasbashach (—) Khalifch pharmacy

AMMAN:

EMERGENCIES

Civil Defence Em Fire Brigade. Blood Bank Highway Police Traffic Police ...

I wone accountly to the minute management and
Hotel Complaints 60580
Price Complaints
Water and Sewerage
Complaints 89746
Amman Municipality
Complaints
Telephone Information
(directory assistance) 12
Oversess Calls 01023
Central Amman Telephone
Repairs62310
Abdali Telephone Repairs 66110
TOUGH (Cooperate August 1111 Out 14
Jordan Television 77311
Radio Jordan
Water Authority 68010
Jordan Electricity Authority 81561
Electric Power
Electric rower
Company 63639
RJ Flight Information 08-5320
* • · ·

Queen Alia Intl. Airport..... 08-53200 HOSPITALS

AMBIAN:
Hussein Medical Centre 813813/32
Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn 644281/6
Akilch Maternity, J. Amn 642441/2
Jabal Amman Maternity 642362
Martin Manually 636146
Malhas, J. Amman
Palestine, Shmeisani 664171/4
Shmeisani Hospital 669131
University Hospital 845845
Al-Mussher Hospital 66742119
The Islamic, Abdali 666127/37
Al-Abli, Abdali 664164/6
Italian, Al-Muhajreen 777101/3
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafich 775111/26
Annu Shanka 901611/15
Army 5Marka
Queen Alia Hospital 602240/50
Amal Hospital 674155
ZARQA:
Zarqa Govt. Hospital (09)983323
Zarga National Hospital (09)900000
The Sina Hospital (09)980/34
Al Hikma Modern Hospital (09)990990
IRBID:
Princer Baseds Mounted (07)275555
Princess Battala Hospital (02)275555 Greek Catholic Hospital (02)277275
United Callings Hospital (UERITEDIA
Iba Al Nafices Hospital(02)247100

FOR THE TRAVELLER QUEEN ALIA

This information is supplied by Royal Jardanian (RI) information department at the Oveen Alia International Airport Tel. (08)53200-5, where it should always be verified.

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

ARRIVALS Royal Jordanian (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1)

TOTOL THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY	
69:45 Dubai, Abu Dhabi	ľR
19:99 Agaba	ÌR
10:00Jeddah	įR
10:10 Largeca	R
17:35 London	ÌΚ
17:50 Frankfurt	R
18:25 Istanbul	ľR
18:30 New York, Amsterdam	ÌR
18:30 Brussels, Paris	ÌΝ
19:10 Madrid, Geneva	R
19:10 Toronto, Montreal	ÌR
20:30 Rome	R
23:59 Damascus	Ŕ
•	•

Other Flights (Terminal 2)

. Cairo (MS . Sanaa (IY loddah (SII

(8:45 18:50 20:50	Damascus (PI) Paris, Damascus (AF) Beinut (ME) Larnaca (LY)
DEP	Victures ARTURES al Jordanian (RJ) Flights
(Ter 67:45	minai 1)
11:50 12:30	Rome (RI) London, Berlin(RI) Tunis, Casablanca (RI) Amsterdam, New York (RI)
20:30 20:45 21:60	
22:00	New Delhi (RJ) Damascus (RJ) Calcutta, Bangkok (RJ) Sanaa (RJ)
	as Ellable (Tambal et)

AppleBanana	
Banana (Molecularia)	680 / 68n
Beans	520 / 350
Carrot	70 / 40
Cauliflower (Cacumbers (Jarae)	- 150/80
Cacumbers (large)	2007 [50]
Cacumbers (small)	700 / 140
Eggplant Garlic	250 / 150
Garlic	280 / 200
COOO	. 240/180
Marrow, A	-XX/ / 4 X/
Marrow (small)	90 / 50
Mint	1/0/90
Onion (dry)	150 / 120
Onion (green)	300 / 200
Orange Pepper (bot)	350/250
Pepper (bot)	240 / 160
Potato .	400 / 1Sh
Tomato	180/ 120
Spinach	270F 350
	341 / ZUO

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday visited the house of the renowned Arab intellectual Akram Al Hourani and congratulated him on his safe arrival in Jordan, wishing him a

happy stay in the country. Mr. Hourani voiced deep appreciation

for the King's visit and wished him and Jordan further progress in

the path of democracy, freedoms and human rights, which Jordan

has charted for itself. The King was accompanied on the visit by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Royal Court Chief

Omani medical chief visits Army HQ, university

AMMAN (Petra) — Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff of the

Armed Forces Lieutenant General Abdul Hafez Mirai Al

Kaabneh received at his office Director of the Omani Royal

Medical Services Brigadier Rafie Ben Hilal Ben Al Saud and the

Omani delegation accompanying him. Lt. Gen. Kaabneh and the

Omani guest discussed scopes of cooperation and exchange of expertise in the medical field. The Omani delegation later visited

the University of Jordan, where they were briefed by its President

Fawzi Gharaibeh on its development and achievements. Dr.

Gharaibeh praised the brotherly relations between Jordan and Oman. The meeting was attended by Director of the Royal Medical Services in Jordan Maj. Gen. Yousef Qussons, of the

the Faculty of Medicine Ala'a Touqan, and Director of the University of Jordan's hospital Samih Abu Al Ragheb. The

delegation members toured the university and various sections of the hospital and expressed their admiration of the high standards

AMMAN (Petra) — Under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor, a special exhibition of Nabatean antiquities, organised by the Antiquities Department, will be held Thursday in Basle,

Switzerland. On display at the exhibition will be the latest

archaeological discoveries found by Swiss teams during their digs

in Zantour, a site in Petra, as well as Um Al Walid and Um Al

Rasas in Madaba. To prepare for the exhibition, Antiquities Department Director General Safwan Al Tal Tuesday left for

Switzerland at the head of a delegation including Fawzi Zayadin

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Foreign Ministry and the U.S. government were negotiating Tuesday the release of an Aqaba-bound cargo vessel with goods for Jordanian markets. The Jordan News

Agency, Petra, reported that U.S. naval forces intercepted the

ship at the Straits of Tiran Monday as part of the U.N. policy of

sanctions against Iraq. The ship was prevented from continuing to

Aqaba because its captain was a Yugoslav national, Petra

reported. The Malta flag ship is the fourth to be intercepted and

prevented from continuing to its Aqaba destination. A Sudanese flag ship was intercepted on April 19 and two vessels were intercepted on April 17 and 14.

Deputy Premier meets with visiting Cypriot delegation

AMMAN (Petra) - Deputy Prime Minister and Transport

Minister Ali Suheimat Tuesday received a Cypriot delegation

representing the Ministry of Communications and Public Works,

headed by Michael Antonio, the ministry's assistant secretary general. The delegation briefed Dr. Suheimat on the outcome of

the talks they held with Jordanian officials over the last two days.

Talks focused on bilateral cooperation in the area of land

transport and transit. The meeting was attended by the Ministry

Interior ministry approves Tafileh council

TAFILEH (Petra) - Interior Minister Jawdat Al Sboul Tuesday

endorsed the formation of a consultative council in Tafileh governorate, headed by the governor and including Lower House

of Parliament members from the governorate, representatives of

the municipal and village councils, chambers of commerce and

industry, the banking sector, representatives for societies, clubs

cooperatives, doctors, engineers, advocates and labourers.

Tafileh Governor Mohammad Al Talhouni, who heads the

council, said it held its first meeting at the beginning of week,

during which it discussed budgets of the projects proposed for

later this year and plans of the social and service sectors for the next ten years. Talking about the council's composition, Mr.

Talhouni said it is a local consultative council, representing all

voluntary and non-governmental organisations. The council's

term is for three years. It was formed in response to directives

from His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan during a recent

RJ team on Scandinavian fact-finding trip

COPENHAGEN (Petra) - A Royal Jordanian (RJ) team.

headed by the executive director's assistant for economic research

Ghada Badr, Tuesday concluded a ten-day fact-finding tour in the

Scandinavian countries, aimed at promoting tourism to Jordan

and air transport with Scandinavian countries. In a statement to a

Petra correspondent here, Ms. Badr said the tour was aimed at

undertaking a feasibility study on reoperating RJ flights to Scandinavian countries and building working relations between

Scandinavian travel and tourist agents and their counterparts in

Jordan, with a view to encouraging Scandinavian tourists to visit

Jordan's touristic attractions and archaeological sites. Ms. Badr

was accompanied on her tour by the RI representative in the

Scandinavian countries and its Copenhagen station manager,

Maha Bitar. The tour included Denmark Sweden, Norway and

AMMAN (Petra) - Former U.S. Senator George McGovern will

arrive here May 4 on a three-day visit to Jordan, during which he

will hold talks with Jordanian officials on issues related to the

U.S. policy in the Middle East. Mr. McGovern heads the U.S. Council of Middle East Policies. The council seeks to ensure a

Former U.S. senator to visit Jordan

Secretary General Awad Al Tal.

visit to Tafileh governorate.

Ministry negotiates release of ship

Nabatean exhibit to open in Basle

Khalid Al Karaki,

the university has achieved.

and Sulaiman Farajat.

ion

coording to her lexible philosonges with time ECP be see Marxism to the Egyptian of the testing th ki said that the ECP were the coldenocracy and conomic and conomic of Egypt a land conomic Socialism, the coldenocracy materials.

e of democracy, with the poor miditions, have terrorism to the form of the control of the contro nt in Egypt is Kovernment F and to also

Thes to opened armine there are to this violence ie ECP pertene e a personal ng. he added, some lets of ECP was Al Azhar & igious school r 'P differentiale ligion and 1st.

linate **ugs**

are against mit.

i to reach soc

d drugs then des through the motes of fran-Tode apiec of the Sove transparent bas their countriesae route to Europe entral Asian acumprecedented. they said

jam officials satse abusing dript in the past and the istan authorite serrure of 12 to: and 17 tome the last year at is (Bld) people it. istan and strum. e-scilled and Rt. mories discovered:

ı in addınon. and comes see ्र कार्यात आवितः ह oric emistan acknowle unla: problems # through sude in the mater in the regain enistan, kazak tian, and Azet Com load shap nend nee nistan blamed # cat the long order cince of preside the recollection of र सीरमानी व्यवस्थित ingions crusales

in andely analy of spirit became 123 addeds Bi send there were n beld me is age should that the Difficulty. the state of the s

LUKET PRICE

from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The artists were inspired in "their work by the historical pot-

and colour.

tery found throughout Jordan.

While in Jordan, Margaret Hluch has executed a series of weavings using various techniques, often with custom-dved and painted threads, producting vibrant images. Pattern, symbol, and icon are woven together in an imaginative tapestry of shape and

work has been placed in numerous public and private collec-

many exhibitions throughout the United States and in international

parts of the world. Mr. Hluch's professional contributions also include numerous articles in American and international publications.

Egyptian HOME NEWS IN BRIEF hangs for King visits Akram Al Hourani

murder AMMAN (J.T.) — A 34-year-old Egyptian man, convicted of theft and murder, was hanged in the central prison at Swaqa, 100 kilometres south of Amman. police officials said Tuesday.

vas executed Sunday, they said. The officials said Abed was convicted and sentenced to death for killing a middle-aged woman in Irbid, in July 1989.

Saber Abdul Hameed Al Abed

Case records said he broke into the woman's house while she and her children were sleeping and stole her gold bracelets, and

Before he was able to escape the woman woke up, and Abed struck her on the head with a large stone.

He ran away while his victim bled to death. Police refused to give the

woman's name. But a report in Al Dustour Arabic daily identified the woman as Ibtisam Ibra-him Al Shafi. Abed reportedly fled to Egypt after the crime. He returned two

years later on a forged passport to seek work in Jordan. At least three people have been hanged this year in Jordan, an unusually high number for the Kingdom whose security officials

Labour delegation returns from

report a low-crime rate.

Tehran AMMAN (Petra) - Ministry of Labour Secretary General Saleh Tarawneh Tuesday returned home after taking part in the 13th Conference of Labour Ministers in Asia and the Pacific countries, which concluded in Tehran on

Upon arrival, Mr. Tarawneh

said the conference issued a statement stressing the need for development of human resources as the key to economic progress. The conference called for adopting effective strategies and

unemployment and poverty and improve living conditions. Mr. Tarawneh said the conference highlighted the importance of education, training and vocational and technical education in enhancing capacities to develop human resources and ensure agri-

mechanisms of work to overcome

cultural development. The statement called on Asian countries to direct special attention to the social dimension of economic development when preparing economic programmes and applying economic adjustment plans.

Jordan exposes housing dilemma in occupied lands

tlements held in Nairobi, Kenya Tuesday said that Israel's demolition of Arab homes in the occupied Arab lands and its ban on Arabs building their own homes were partly responsible for the lack of sufficient homes for the growing population.

The occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip are densely populated, one-sixth of the population lives five persons to a single room, one-quarter of the population lacks proper drinking water and sanitation and one-fifth of them do not have electricity, said Yousef Hiyasat who is also director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Restricted freedoms, confiscation of Arab lands and other arbitrary action on the part of the Israeli authorities have led to the deterioration of living conditions and housing facilities in the Arab lands and increased the ordeal of

NAIROBI (Petra) — Jordan's the Palestinian people, Mr. delegate to the 14th meeting of the U.N. Centre for Human Settle meeting.

Referring to Jordan, Mr. Hiyasat said the country adopted a housing strategy in 1988 but implementation was delayed because of the Gulf crisis.

It was only last year that the Kingdom started practical steps to implement the strategy which aims to provide limited income groups with proper housing, said Mr. Hiyasat.

Apart from the department of housing, the government has opened the way for the private sector to contribute to solving housing problems and has recently reached an agreement with the Ú.S. Agency of International Development (USAID) to help implement housing programmes, Mr. Hiyasat said.

He added that USAID was providing a \$50 million loan to Jordan to help the department execute its housing programmes.



Ministry of Transport Secretary General Awad Tal (right) and Assistant Minister of Public Works in Cyprus Michael Antonio Tuesday sign a protocol agreement on land transport and transit operations (Petra photo)

Jordan, Cyprus sign draft transport protocol

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and Cyprus Monday signed a protocol on cooperation in land transport and transit operations which provides for the transportation of goods and passengers to and from the two countries, as well as transportation of Cypriot goods through Jordanian territory to other Arab countries.

The protocol also encourages national maritime companies in Jordan and Cyprus to transport trucks and buses from Cyprus and Jordan to the nearest ports in the relevant Arab countries. Ministry of Transport Secret-

tant Minister of Public Works in Cyprus Michael Antonio signed Mr. Tal said the agreement was

ary General Awad Tal and Assis-

only a draft which is still to be ratified by the concerned ministers in both countries.

He said cooperation in the transportation of goods and passengers will be subjected to the countries' rules and regulations, on the two countries' economies. The protocol, Mr. Tal added. will definitely benefit Jordanian truckers who will be involved in transit operations.

He told the Jordan Times that the agreement means that Jordanian trucks carrying goods from Jordan or other Arab states can be ferried to Cyprus and continue on to their destinations there.

On the return trip, these trucks will be permitted to carry Cypriot or European goods to be ferried back to the nearest Arab of Turkish ports, and continue over to Jordan or beyond, he

The Cypriot government is significantly fewer trucks than Jordan, Mr. Tal said.

Jordan with 5,000 trucks, stands to do a lucrative business, according to Mr. Tal.

He said the draft agreement is now awaiting Cabinet approval before the concerned ministers can sign the deal.

Fuheisis to take pollution concerns to Royal Court

By Elia Nasrallah Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - In pursuing the drive to rid their town of pollution from the poisonous fumes and falling cement dust, the people of Fuheis now plan to take the matter to the Royal Court and the Prime Ministry's office.

A committee representing the townspeople told the Jordan Times that the pollution from the cement factory has been affecting their health with the continual fall of dust and poisonous fumes on their homes, gardens and streets.

The committee said it intends to see the help of His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker in dealing with the danger of dust that, they say, has overwhelmed their entire

A few weeks ago, hundreds of Fuheisis staged a sit-in at the cement factory in a show of protest against the continued fall out, and the committee had earlier written to the Lower House of Parliament and met with some of its members to air their grievances, said Issa Okla who heads

Mr. Okla told the Jordan Times that parliament members promised to do something about the situation and to see to it that the Jordan Cement Factory Company (JCFC) installs additional filters to minimise the amount of dust and fumes; but nothing has been done so far.

distributed leaflets addressed to the public appealing for help to "It is our right to breathe pure air" read the title of the leaflet

which was also distributed to the "We, the representatives of

Fuheis, announce that we will pursue various methods, including sitins, to protest to the concerned authorities in order to achieve our rights to uncontaminated air." the leaflet said. Mr. Okla said the committee Dr. Share said.

was also directing its protest against the factory director who recently said in a television procramme that the cement fumes and dust constituted no danger to the lives of the townspeople.

According to the leaflet, the residents of Fuheis do not demand the removal of cement factory, but they say additional filters are necessary.

Mr. Okla said the factory mangement had earlier allocated JD 5 million for the installation of filtering equipment, but they ended buying only JD 75,000 worth of ineffective equipment that in no way reduced the danger.

Statistics show that the pollution has been causing increased health hazards, mainly, to children who are being treated for asthma as a direct result of inhaling the fumes and the dust, com-plained Mr. Okla.

The Department of Environ-ment announced that it has been monitoring the situation after receiving numerous public com-

Department Director Saleh Al Share told the Jordan Times that teams from his office recently installed monitoring equipment in and around the town to determine the degree of pollution. "We have invited experts who

say the monitoring equipment can only give fairly correct results in two yars, but the department, nonetheless, has been inconstant touch with the cement factory to He said the committee has now pursue the question of installing additional equipment to filter away the dust and the fumes," Dr. Share said.

He said the factory plans to install equipment worth several million dollar to deal with the situation and minimise the pollu-

'Apart from these measures," have written to the prime ministry and also received a message from the Lower House of Parliament requesting that the department take action in this regard,

In this sense, his jazz style can

be qualified - but not labeled -

as classical. Some of his composi-

tions remind the listener of Brazi-

As a genuine jazzman, Car-

ment's improvisations are an un-

deniable proof of his creativity.

But the listener is always able to

polished sound.

ciani alike.

was established more than 40 years ago, ought to do something to lessen the degree of pollution at a time when nations worldwide are fighting pollution," said Mr

We are not creating a problem, but the problem persists despite the factory director's denial; and there is a real need for combined efforts on the part of the concerned authorities to save the town and its people," he

As part of a solution to the problem, Dr. Share suggested that a conference be held at the national level, to debate this in-

portant issue. We support the local people's right, but at the same time we continue to urge the factory to speed up the installation of the

additional equipment to remove the danger," said Dr. Share. Mr. Okla provided the Jor Times with copies of letters exchanged by government departments over the issue and a report by a government-appointed tech-nical team which monitored the pollution and provided a report showing the presence of a high concentration of dust in the atmosphere of Fuheis, far higher than the level allowed by the World Health Organisation

(WHO) standards. The report, which as submitted to the department of the environment, said the factory was responsible for this high-level concentration.

Meanwl. Industry and Trade Minister Abdullah Ensour Monday visited the Jordan Cement Factories Company and discussed the company's measures to deal with pollution, according to the Jordan News Agency (Petra).

Factory Director Hatem Halawani and JCF board members briefed the minister and told him the company was responding to the governments directives towards ensuring the safety of the

Carment Trio to jazz it up By Jean-Claude Elias right bass and himself on acoustic

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Philippe Carment is back in Amman. The pianist gave superb performances last fall and the city's jazz lovers will certainly be looking forward to more listening pleasure from his music. The Philippe Carment Trio is

presented by the National Music Conservatory/Noor Al Hussein Foundation and the French iliurai Centre in Amman. The concert is scheduled for

Thursday, April 29-at 8:00 p.m. at the Royal Cultural Centre Carment plays traditional

piano jazz but with a strong and oleasant modern touch. His trio, Jean-Benoit Culot on drums, Lionel Guillemin on up-

follow the pianist through his

improvisational path. Carment doesn't try to "lose" his audience as some jazz musicians like to do - he obviously

lian pianist Eliane Elias

plays for the audience and not just for himself. piano, deliver a very classy and The trio's first album, "The Carment's music talks to those

Bill Please," is a master piece and who like "good old" Dave has been rightfully rewarded as Brubeck of the fifties and modern French virtuoso Michel Petruc-

From the brilliant and original rhythm of "Comparison" to the singing theme of "Comme Tu Veux", the subtle harmonies of "Trio Eclosion", the Brazilian flavoured "Interpellation" and the amazing drums of "Defini-: tif', Philippe Carment playing is a tasteful display of versatility, elegance and virtuosity.

In a jazz world crowded with talented planists. "making the difference" is not an easy task.

The only way to check it for yourself is to be at the Trio's concert Thursday at the RCC.

WHAT'S GOING ON

but is likely to reflect positively

The following listings are compiled from monthly & Art exhibition by Jordanian artist Ahmad bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

Art exhibition entitled "The Legend of Petra II" by artist Suha Shoman at the National Gallery for Fine Arts.

Art exhibition by Samia Al Zaru and Adnan Yahya at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery.

* Exhibition of prints, entitled "Architectural Motifs from the Arab World," by Rima Farah at The Gallery, Hotel Jordan Intercontinental: Exhibition of watercolour paintings by Lebanese

Exhibition of ceramics by Margaret Tadros at the Spanish Cultural Centre. ☆ Art exhibition by Dr. Laila Bustami at the Royal cultural Centre.

artist Randa Berouti at Romero Restaurant.

Nawash at the French Cultural Centre.

★ Exhibition of sculptures by Syrian artist Aktham Abdul Hameed at Baladna Art Gallery.

* Art exhibition by Syrian Artist Yousef Abdelke at Al Balka'a Gallery, Al Fuheis city.

* Art exhibition entitled "Fragments: Weavings and Works on Paper" by Kevin A. Hluch and Margaret M. Hluch at the American Centre.

FLOWER SHOW

Flower show of the Ikebana International Club of Jordan at the Royal Cultural Centre (5 p.m. — 8 p.m.)

LECTURE

Lecture, in Arabic, on German writer Heinrich Boll's life, work, literature and reception in the Arab World by Dr. Abdo Abboud of the University of Homs at Yarmouk University's Faculty of Arts at 11 a.m.

ACADEMY? **AMMAN** KHALDA- AMMAN

التحقيميناكأ

VACANCIES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH Amman Academy announces the availability of vacancies for female English teachers.

- BA English major (rating good and above)
 - Teaching experience not less than three years

APPLICANTS ARE INVITED TO SEND AN APPLICATION IN OWN HANDWRITING, AND A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

P.O.Box 830476, Postal Code 111-83, Amman Phone 688335

Under the Patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor Al-Hussein JORDAN 10 AM to 9 PM Thursday, April 29th to Friday, May 7th, 1993 Exhibit space courtesy Exhibition sponsored by **BUSINESS BANK** TAYBET ZAMAN Location: New building next to Business Bank, Located between Mukhab Bridge & the Prime Ministry (4th Cir)-Queen Noor Al-Hussein St. المعرض Arab Bank Exhibition سبجد الأمير حسن بتك الأعمال Prince Hassan Mosque Business Shmeisani Bank, Queen Noor Street الدوار الرابع Interior شارع الملكة نور Circle 4th Circle Mukhabarat Bridge دوار الداخلية جسر المفابرات For Information ☎ 658696 الثالث 3rd Circle 7

better understanding of the Middle East issues. Art work inspired by Jordan on display

AMMAN (J.T.) — Art work produced on paper by Kevin A. Hluch and weavings by Margaret M. Hluch will be on display at the Exhibitions Gallery of the Amer-

ican Centre, at the American Embassy. The exhibition "Fragments: Weavings and Works on Paper" will run from April 28 to May 26 and is open to the general public

Kevin Hluch, who is a visiting Fulbright Lecturer in Art at Yarmouk University in Irbid, is exhibiting imaginative and reconstructive drawings on paper executed in conte pencil, a form of pastel, that reflect his love of pottery, abstract shapes, texture,

Both the Hluchs are active studio artists and teachers whose

Their work has appeared in exhibitions throughout many

Jordan Times

Englished 1973

And the Brand of Streets

MARKET M. LAYED

SUBJE S. BAWATMEN

Editorial and advertising offices:

Jupins Prince Princetons,

Victorially Basel, P.O. Dain 9710, America, Jordan

Polyallarius: 9971798, 97848-4

Poles: 2007 ALRAE 30

The Rocker Times is published duity except Fridays.

Security fine and advertising rates are available from the

Special Times advertising department.

luman rights — nothing loss, nothing more

First Conference on Human Rights, scheduled to the Wiston tent June, there are growing fears in Vision tent June, there are growing fears in the interactional meeting soluble to a disappoint-till after all. The conference could in fact be a failure than the jap between the perspectives of the deflaced and developing countries could be bridged and an. The angler analyty is centred on the efforts of the proof that thirt economic conditions do not allow for the state that the entries the countries of the countries the entries of the entries of the entries to explain the platform the state of attempting to explain the platform the fairness of interacting a company for greater equational analysis of interest of concentrating on

is conveyed, both camps have legitimate concerns.

It, on one final, there are book civil and political
that most dust await full economic development
are they are respected and implemented, there are
the attained of trapertest human rights that
play a statement had a sucle-economic developal believe they can be expected to be honoured and

the first that builder side is truly talking with the cours, finishing finitual on their own respective town and interpretation of what should be the pit of the gathering on human rights. Many positivey quadrage were build in the course of the pour in order to appeal on an agenda. The last pour in order to appeal on an agenda. The last pour first course the true course with poor that does records have come up with calls for the full countries in the "particularities" of a country. Motorical, religious and cultural, in this to culture the existing international human

the object to a two-edged sword that place graphese and window before it can be taken both, and adopted and applied in the domain of pure rights. Taken to its full implical conclusion, such placed day and up destroying the universality of fact. Higher conventions that were paintakingly factions and adopted in the last few decades.

the countries of the world, both rich and poor, and have it both ways. We either have a universal fleather of human rights or we do not. The minute limits to accept and extertain the proposition that it wise has in one particularities that can be that to justly a four human rights record, that have could other in a new ora of weaker human har application. That our never the intention had outvesting as interpolations manual on human the or the West would say, and pursuing such a south counter the Visnas entenyour counter-

MANY PURES CONTINUITARIES

All All reportations starting the ninth round of talks with the falls in Wantstaton Totalory realise that they have arrived at interesting table reductantly but were driven there by some in that the Americans and the israelis will, this time, keep their rules and act in a way to help the negotiators attain success. All lim's Arabic dully. Commenting on the resumption of the ing ampointation in Wantstation, the paper said that the Arabic dulls ethic they went to Wanhington at a time when allow times attend they went to Wanhington at a time when the times at the despute and penimetric about the outcome like talks in view of latest's intransigence and in light of U.S. think for the appreciate. The Arab manner realise that the initiative are talking to numericares and occupiers of Arab lands holy places but, nonetheless, they are there to give the life, and the Anortems one more chance, it said. In the life, wirely, should these talks prove futile this time and end in life, the alternative is a new appuring of real Arab and Islamic manufactable in its dimension and consequences. The said this the Arab parties went to Washington this time in the said this the Arab parties went to Washington this time in the said this the Arab parties went to Washington this time in the said this world that the Arab Nation is keen on achieving the with linual, but such becames could end should the Israelis of the whole region need now, said the paper, is real and the international legitimacy.

ciril Libities? in Al fin's Arabic duity voiced appreciation of a just programment decinion to extempt local farmers from paying into ID 4.8 initiation in interest on their loans. Tareq Masarwell that the percent we do not encourage the local farmers to a fit pay the loans themselves to the Agricultural Credit interesting and other money-lending institutions. But the writer had that the government now should also deal with the fitting the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) in the farmers money and is unable to retrieve the local farmers at the farmers money and is unable to retrieve the local farmers at the same time has to help the corporation to pay back its in the hunts and cooperative societies from which it had being the hunts and cooperative societies from which it had beingly bounded the money to give the farmers, said the less Manarich also demanded that the Ministry of Agriculture less south also demanded that the Ministry of Agriculture less south also interest and saving the country from themself problems revolving around the farmers' debts. The less problems in these problems is intervene, back these views and a east these problems.

Economic Forum

By Dr. Abdalla Malki

Tale of two economic measures

The two measures under question are currency devaluation and

free import policy.

Back in 1986, when the devaluation of the dinar was only a twinkle in the eyes of two or three persons in Jordan, this author published an article in one of Jordan's two dailies (Al Dustour, 26 Oct. 1986) warning very strongly against such devaluation. My argument was based on the following reasons:

Jordan's export base is very narrow.
 Devaluation will entice capital flight and cause remittances

of Jordanians working abroad to dry up.

It will force further devaluations.

— Devaluation will lead to inflation, literally, I wrote, that inflation was the only guaranteed product of devaluation. What followed is well-known history. The dinar was devalued, remittances dried up and capital started to migrate from Jordan. Instead of the initially perceived devaluation percentage of 10 per cent the dinar lost 50 per cent of its exchange rate. Imports had grown at an average annual rate of five per cent in the four-year period following the devaluation, after falling at an average annual rate of two per cent in the four years preceding it, in a very sharp contrast to the devaluatison theory. Inflation jumped by 60 per cent in the same four years. At the time, nobody wanted to believe me; nobody seemed to believe something said by a

Now let us read what the "Economist" wrote in a leading commentary in its issue of April 3, 1993 in the context of appraising the economic experience of Argentina and Mexico: "Exchange rate theory for developed countries has been turned

Jordanian who claimed to have some knowledge of development

on its head in recent years. In the 1980s, the IMF insisted that countries devalue their currencies regularly to remain competitive and so to eliminate trade deficits. In fact, this fuelled inflation, while any gain in competitiveness was short-lived." The devaluation of the Jordan dinar shattered our economy to the point where we had to go, hat in hand, to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and to the extent where no economic policy manager now dares to mention the word "devaluation" in the context of the policy measures perceivable in the short, medium or long runs. But wait a minute!

The International Monetary Fund devised a scheme to remedy our economy and enable us repay our external debt. This is the famous economic adjustment programme which is based on rescheduling our debt, that is postponing its repayment until the turn of the next century.

Another very basic part of this programme is the adoption of a free import policy. This is a fatal defect in the programme and consequently I have been warning against it, as I did in 1986 regarding exactly the destructive effects of devaluation. Again nobody seems to heed this advice and I am very fearful that a story similar to the devaluation episode will be repeated, some time during the next few years.

time during the next few years.

My argument is that developing countries cannot afford open-door import policies because the fruits of any economic progress they achieve will be channelled to the rest of the world through the open door of imports. The demand for imports rises as income grows. Even when poverty is apparent, income in developing countries is already concentrated or gets concentrated as development proceeds to the extent that it leads to high demand for imports at large and for luxury items in particular with and without the presence of poverty.

Actually, the commentary of the "Economist" pointed out that there were growing doubts about the sustainability of the success achieved by Argentina and Mexico in fields such as growth and inflation (similar, interestingly enough, to the success achieved last year by Jordan). And significantly enough, the "Economist" states that the major reason for these doubts was the "ballooning current-account deficits."

Now, a current account deficit is mainly generated by imports of goods and services which are greatly stimulated by free import policies. Short-term capital movements may dampen these deficits in the early stages of the adjustment programmes, but cannot do that for a longer period. At some point, the crisis strikes

Again I warn against the catastrophic long-term effects of a free-import policy. I hope that I am on the wrong side this time although the behaviour of our imports of goods and services in 1992 and the early months of 1993 does confirm my fears.

Power vs. persuasion

Peace talks must have the collective sponsorship of the U.N.

By Clovis Maksoud

The Arab parties have returned to peace talks in deference to U.S. power rather than This is due, in part, to the fact that the U.S. views any small Israeli compliance as a major concession. It is further exacerbated by the fact that the U.S. specifically oushes the Arabs and especialy the Palestinians in a position where they must choose between the maximum Rabin will give and the miminum — no-thing — from Likud. It is this attitude that led the U.S. into pressuring the aggrieved parties while practically shielding the violator of the Fourth Geneva Convention, the U.N. resolutions and even declared U.S. policy.

The Arab parties came to the ninth round at great risk to their credibility, effectiveness, and perhaps the durability of their leadership. The risk is, however, calculated. They need from the U.S. not the habitual assurances of an active involvement; instead they need a clear strategic vision that insures a rational and feasible outcome. If the U.S. conceptualises the outcome it envisages, the peace process ceases to be "peace talks" and becomes peace negotiations. Besides, this strategic vision must be coterminous with what the international community, through the U.N., has prescribed in a multitude of supposedly binding resolutions.

scribed in a multitude of supposedly binding resolutions.

To persist in repeating that
the U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 are the
basis for the U.S. sponsored
peace process without being
forthcoming as to their precise
meaning constitutes an American license for Israel to further
procrastinate, delay, and derail. True, the Rabin govern-

ment has not repeated Shamir's assertion that withdrawal from Sinai constituted compliance, but neither has it provided any outline of what it considers "compliance."

This deliberate ambiguity is a product of an Israeli strategy to stall, to buy time, to establish new facts on the ground and finally to forestall the chance for any substantial recovery of Arab territories or realise any legitimate national rights for the Palestinians. All this can be done without Israel saying so.

The dilemma lies in the fact that Arab parties know this; the U.S. knows this. What the U.S. is doing is to blur this awareness so that the agenda unravels mildly instead of cruelly; gently instead of aggressively. Does this have to be the U.S. role? I do not believe so. I think that the U.S. has a historical opportunity to put an end to this diplomatic charade and what is becoming an exercise in futility. If the promise of peace does not at least mitigate the injustices meted out to the Palestinians, a Pandora's box will be opened that will render the region unstable and the prevalent discourse, as well as the ensuring acts, prone to preempt consequential nego-

tiations.

There is a way out but it entails boldness. The U.S. should consider that the nine rounds have laid the ground for obtaining a measure of understanding about the complexity of the issues that lay at the root of the conflict. After the ninth round the U.S. should take the portfolio of the peace talks to the U.N. Security Council. That is where it belongs and that is where it will

be resolved. Let met explain

In order to induce the Palestinians to return to the peace talks many Arab governments invested a great deal of their diminishing political cre-

"What the U.S. is

doing is to blur this awareness so that the agenda unravels mildly instead of cruelly: gently instead of aggressively. Does this have to be the U.S. role? I do not believe so. I think that the U.S. has a historical opportunity to put an end to this diplomatic charade and what is becoming an exercise in futility."

dit. They were prompted to do so by the U.S., and while Israel remains adamant on the substantive issues, Secretary Christopher recently showed some understanding of the Palestinian dilemma and their tragic circumstances. In return for Palestinian participation was promise of alleviating their collective pain but not a corresponding promise of realising their nanonal rights. Faced with Arab governments weighing in and Israel harden-

ing its repressive measures and seige, the PLO also took a calculated risk and joined the official Arab consensus on the need to acquiesce to American summons.

While Rabin stated that no

further deportation is envisaged, he affirmed that Israel retains the right to deport and this threatens to remain a time bomb in as much as it signals continued Israeli claims on the occupied territories. Now that the talks have resumed, the U.S. must prepare for a contingency plan which enables the U.N. to address this issue thoroughly and in accordance to its relevant resolutions. The U.N. is no longer what it used to be when the U.S. shielded Israel from U.N. sanctions. The U.S. is no longer isolated on its views of the Middle East at the U.N. Israel should no longer remain an exception to the rule of international law and U.N. resolutions. In the most optimistic ex-

pectation the ninth round will bring minor relief but no resolution, let alone a serious breakthrough. This means that the tenth round must have a collective sponsorship of the U.N. Security Council. This will safeguard the process, sustain the Arab establishment's credit, provide the U.S. further opportunity to demonstrate commitment to the U.N. If this step is taken, the U.S. will continue to play the pivotal role as a great power and cease to play a unilateral role as a big

The writer, who now lives and teaches in Washington D.C., is a former representative of the Arab League at the U.N. He contributed the above article to the Jordan Times.

Likely military intervention will widen war with Yugoslavia

by Alison Smale The Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia — The rejection of a compromise peace plan by the leader of Bosnia's Serbs will increase pressure for Western military intervention in the Balkans. The Serbs warn that will

only widen the war.

Hard-line Serbs in Yugoslavia, which officially has taken no part in Bosnia's war, almost seem anxious for Western intervention. They have long seen the world as unjustly denying Serbs their dream of a "greater Serbia."

"If the West intervenes in Bosnia, Yugoslavia should immediately join the war," said ultra-nationalist Vojislav Seselj, whose party is the second strongest in Serbia, the dominant republics in Yugoslavia.

On Saturday, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic rejected the latest peace plan, which has already been accepted by Bosnia's Muslims and Croats.

by Bosnia's Muslims and Croats.
Lord Owen, who drew up the
plan along with U.N. envoy
Cyrus Vance, suggested Mr.
Karadzic is risking dragging all
Serbs "into a devastating conflict
with the international community," said Lord Owen's spokes-

man, Fred Eckhard.

European Community foreign ministers met Saturday in Middlefart, Denmark, to discuss possible military intervention, but appeared to be waiting to see what Washington decides. A British source said Secretary of State Warren Christopher may brief European allies next week about the U.S. position.

The West seems as unwilling as ever to risk the lives of ground troops to impose peace. But even air strikes or other limited actions will stir Serb belligerence and

unity, undo any peace process and possibly widen the war. "I am totally sceptical of the

"I am totally sceptical of the idea of quick, clean, Rambo-like, clinical strikes," said Cedric Thornberry, the United Nations' most senior civilian official in former Yugoslavia. "All that's going to do... is solidify the opposition and probably destroy the U.N. presence."

The world has shown concern about Bosnia's suffering even though its political leaders are unwilling or unable to devise a diplomatic settlement.

Comparisons of Serb "ethnic cleansing" campaigns with the Nazi holocaust abounded amid memorials to the World War II genocide last week. All sides have been accused of atrocities, but Serbs have been blamed most for forcing people from their homes in order to seize territory.

Thousands of U.N. peacekeepers protecting humanitarian aid convoys helped keep Sarajevo and hundreds of thousands of other Bosnians alive through the winter.

If the Serbs are attacked by the West, they would be free to turn the firepower of the old Yugoslav army, once estimated to be Europe's fifth biggest, with much more ferocity on Bosnia.

That could restart the war in Croatia or to ignite fresh battles in Serbia's Kosovo province and in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, which could drag in neighbouring Albania, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey.

The Serbs might also find it easier to convince outsiders, particularly hard-line orthodox Slav brethren in Russia that they deserve support. The Soviet Union was a key ally of former Yugos-

LETTERS

Rights and responsibilities

134CH

• •

• • • •

2 202 5

50,545

Salar Salar

26 92 14

• • • •

R

To the Editor:

The hottest issue to hit the political scene in Jordan has been the drastic steps taken by the Jordanian government towards the drastic steps taken by the Jordanian government towards the drawing democracy.

achieving democracy.

The words democracy and democratisation have recently become the new buzz words in parliamentary discussions, political party agendas, magazines, newspapers, and theatrical

plays.

The Jordanians in general seem to have quickly got accustomed to this word as a regular part of their lives. We have been quick to cling to the word "democracy" when trying to justify the "rights" we feel we must be granted under this new system of government.

However, we tend to sometimes conveniently ignore the

However, we tend to sometimes conveniently ignore the fact that along with the rights granted to us we also inherit many difficult and challenging responsibilities. For our rights and responsibilities under a democracy are not mutually exclusive. If we are to demand our rights related to democracy, we must be willing to shoulder the responsibilities that go along with it. We must also guard against the temptation of becoming self-righteous, finger-pointing critics who use the freedoms granted under a democracy as a platform to criticise others in order to cover up our own inadequacies.

In my opinion. American President Theodore Roosevelt was able to accurately sum up the true essence of democracy when he said: "In the battle of life it is not the critic that counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of the deed could have done better; the credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again because there is no effort without error or shortcoming; who does actually strive to do the deeds, who knows the great enthusiasims, the great devotions, spends himself in a worthy cause; who at best knows the triumph of high achievement and at worst if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who have tasted neither victory nor defeat."

Dr. Aida Dabbas, Amman.

'Objective picture'

To the Editor:

I refer to the article "JPMC net profit drops sharply" (Jordan Times, April 22, 1993), and would like to thank Mr. Samir Shafiq for his keen interest in JPMC's activities and financial results. However, it would have been much more appreciated if Mr. Shafiq had dealt with this matter taking into account in his analysis all factors related to the points raised in his article, to give the readers an objective picture instead of the gloomy one which the article reflected.

It is true that the net profit in 1992 dropped to JD 16.1 million, against JD 33.1 in 1991. But it is necessary to point out here the reasons for this drop which are due to the following facts:

—In spite of the fact that Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC) increased the volume of its sales in 1992, as compared to 1991, the total world phosphate exports dropped from 31.4 million tonnes in 1991 to 28.1 m/t in 1992; and although the share of JPMC in the world phosphate market increased in 1992 to reach 15.3 per cent, as compared to 13.7 per cent in 1991, thus putting Jordan in the position of the second largest exporter of rock phosphate in the world after Morocco, replacing the U.S. in this position, the total value of its sale decreased to reach JD 206.1 million, compared to JD 218 million in 1991 due to the sharp drop in international prices. This drop in prices was due mainly to the decrease in demand in European countries, and in particular East European countries, which led to more competition in other markets, especially the Asian countries.

Due to all these factors total value of sales decreased by JD 12.5 million.

2.5 million.

— Increase in a number of expenditure items mainly:

- Transportation cost: JD 1.5 million.
- Axle load fines: JD 2.5 million.

Provisions for doubtful debts (mainly Yugoslavia): JD 2.8 million.
 Interest caused by a higher size in used overdraft facilities:
 JD 0.7 million, as well as debiting the profit and loss account

with interest related to loans used to finance projects before their capitalisation, JD 1.9 million, in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

- Depreciation expenses of fixed assets as a result of

capitalising.

Other expenses which affected the end results of 1992, attributed mainly to the normal increase in salaries and other fringe benefits offered by JPMC to its employees; JD 3.6

As for the loss incurred by the fertilizer unit, it was due to the sharp drop in fertilizer prices because of large quantities of fertilizers offered by big producers at very low prices.

Mr. Shafiq's article omitted a number of other positive:

aspects such as:

1. Increase of production from 4.9 million tonnes in 1991 to

5.2 million tonnes in 1992.

2. Through its sales, IPMC generated \$305 million as hard

currency and participated in easing the unemployment problem by employing 350 employees in 1992.

3. JPMC paid JD 72.3 million to the government treasury and other public institutions in the form of dividends, taxes,

direct and indirect fees, etc., out of which JD 23.5 million represents mining fees and fines.

It would have been appreciated if the reporter referred to

some important issues mentioned in the Annual Report such as:

— Joint-venture projects with an Indian company, and

another with a consortium of Japanese companies.

— Rehabilitation of the fertilizer complex in Aqaba, costing \$30 million, which will increase the capacity of phosphoric acid by 25 per cent to reach 420,000 tonnes.

— Introducing the countertrade activities and other ways of

payments in markets which face difficulties in having foreign exchange to pay for their purchases and to settle their outstanding debts.

Finally, I would like to emphasise the keen interest of JPMC

management to exert all possible efforts to overcome all difficulties and impediments resulting from uncontrollable political and economic factors.

We hope that this clarification mould are

We hope that this clarification would give you and the readers a clear and better picture of JPMC, the challenges it faces, and the better future prospects it aims at.

Thabet Taher, Managing Director, Amman.

The Jordan Times welcomes letters and contributions from its readers on any subject they wish to tackle. Letters intended for publication, however, should contain the writer's full name and preferably address as well. Names can be withheld only upon request and under special circumstances. Letters are subject to editing. The newspaper is not responsible for the return of unused manuscripts.



Peres: It is for us to solve our problems courageously and realistically

The following interview with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres appeared in the April 23, 1993, issue of the Jerusalem Post.

 $h_{45}\;b_{ee_{1\!\!1}}$

recently

ckly Rot tves. We

nder this

note the

" mherit

uir nghis

muually

lemocra.

's that go

dation of

1 the the

' criticise

Consevelt

"mocracy

ture that

cuts wan

are done

ily in the

odw bon

and again

one who

the great

a worthy

ment and

o that his

Aho have

Dabbas.

Dordan

de Samer

I financial

"Preciated

Incount in

ny article,

te gloomy

r point out

following

Соправу compared hough the

areased in

sea cent in

and largest Morocco.

55 JD 218

nal prices.

in demand

nropean

r markets.

 $_{\rm rad}$ by ${\rm ID}$

m.mh

nat 4D 28

1 Lightur

SCHOOL STREET

ets before

thee with

result of

. .d [99].

and other

· 10 30

 $_{\rm W,IS}$ due to

untities of

P-sitisc.

, an 1991 to

on actual $m_{\rm cut}\,p_{\rm tota}$

ALTERNATIVE

gris Lines.

 $\sim nn m^{10}$

 $w_{\rm introd\,B}$

a port such

grant and

phone and

 $|_{\{a,b,a',b',a'\}}d$

with their

 $_{\alpha , \sigma l} \, \mathcal{P}^{MC}$ Gicagae all

witte-Hable

an and the

halleness it

ω.

The upcoming talks A lot of things have changed since last December, when Israelis and Arabs last held talks. The new Cition administration is talking about becoming a "full partner" in the peace process. There's greater Palestinian dissent in the territories. The Likud now has a spokesman, with the election of Binyamin Netanyahu. How might all this have affected the talks?

Today the situation is more months ago. Undoubtedly. And vet the occasion is here. And I think as far as Israel is concerned. we have to tell our public some facts of life: In these negotiations, Israel has unavoidably been more one the giving side than the Prestinians, for the simple reason that the Palestinians have very little to offer.

It's an asymmetrical negotiation? It's an asymmetrical negotiation. There is no sense in creating faise expectations ... You cannot come to the Palestinians and say we will give you part of the West Bank if you give us part of the West Bank. The West Bank is in our hands, not their hands. By definition, that is an asymmetrical situation.

Secondly, much depends upon us. And we should not look around to others to solve our problems. It is for us to solve our problems courageously and realistically. The price of peace is almost set. So, we have to concentrate more on the nature of ace. That's where the real opportunities are.

Where should the public look for progress? In your view, what would be a realistic goal for this

To conclude an agreement on

Yes. (We can clear up) at least most of the disputed issues. You think that's possible?

In this round?

Yes.

I think it is needed. And I don't exclude that this can be attained. You're saying that you think that by the end of this round the basic outlines of autonomy will be agreed upon?

Shimon Peres

Do the negotiations have to be accelerated because of the recent

Not only the violence, the opposition ... Timing here is crucial. That's been my feeling about it from the very beginning. Not just to advance, but to advance quickly is a must.

Have you got any indication from the Americans and the Palestinians that things are ripe enough for that sort of progress in this

I am not going to speak on their behalf. I think as far as we are concerned, we have decided really to try our best to reach an

What about the U.S. role? How would that make a difference? The Americans themselves said

this time they are a facilitator and bridge builder, not a mediator or conciliator. You know, every time you start the negotiations, you don't have to return to Mount Sinai and come back with 10 commandments. You have to be pragmatic about it ... You have to see where you want to arrive and act accordingly. But every time to issue a list of rules and conditions seems childish to me.

There was a special debate in the Knesset, with the Likud complaining that Israel is not making any demands on the Palestinians to stop the violence. How do you respond? Perhaps Faisal Hussein can't stop Hamas, but why can't he stop the "Fateh Hawks?"

The problem is that the people we are negotiating with cannot stop the shooting. We don't negotiate with the ones who shoot. If you make a condition that those who are shooting will stop shooting, you will make them the real partners and you hand over the negotiations to the

You have reportedly met Husseini several times. What is your measure of the man? Can he make difficult decisions?

I would not like to make any personal remarks. To be a leader in war is one thing, to be a leader nent solution while we are negotiating the interim solution, we in, but announce that if an Israeli shall discover that we have two is killed, say, 10,000 workers will chance to agree on them. I say that in order to deal with mic price for violence.

the permanent solution, we have to create another climate. I see the interim solution a voyage Mediterranean climate. For that reason I look upon the interim solution not in terms of geography but in terms of time. The necessary time that is really

But wouldn't you agree that the recent waves of violence have shown that facts on the ground can overwhelm what happens at the table? Isn't it better to start planning where this voyage is going to end up?

Planning, yes. But agreeing is impossible because under the present climate we cannot reach an agreement about the map. Let's face it. If we start with the shores we want to arrive at, we shall discover that we cannot agree on the voyage. In order to agree on the map we will need

The closure of the occupied territories

I think you've said publicly, that the economic realities are such that the current closure canno last. It's going to have to be lifted. Can you envision establishing a link between the restrictions and

the same occasion.

today the nature of the perma- the violence? For example, decide that the workers will be let back very tough negotiations without a be cut back. That would make it clear they'll have to pay an econo-

Well, I don't think that whenever there was an act of from a cold climate to a violence all two million people in the territories were asked permission first. So I don't adopt the idea of the collective punishment. Furthermore, as long as we are responsible for the territories, we are responsible not only for the being but for the well-being of the people, and we shouldn't push them at this stage to a state of starvation, of unemployment or

horror. I am less concerned about the Israeli economy ...Today 93 per cent, 94 per cent of the workers are Israeli. The people that are coming from the territories represent not more than 6-7 per cent at best.

I cannot imagine we should tell them that your workers don't have the right to come to our side and yet we shall remain the policemen on your side. It is either-or. Either the responsibility is divided or the responsibility is shared. But you cannot have it half and half. I look on (the closure) as a temporary measure. It wasn't planned. It was taken as a reaction to an impossible situation and it was an understandable

We have to play it by ear. It has had some side effects which are important. For example, the Israeli public today does now

ANNOUNCEMENT

CENTRAL BANK OF JORDAN

NEW PIEDFORT GOLD COIN

On the occasion of His Majesty King Hussein's 40th anniversary

of assuming His constitutional powers, the Central Bank has now

available for sale a piedfort gold coin commemorating the 40th

anniversary of His Majesty's accession to the throne issued in

1992 together with the ordinary gold coin and the silver coin of

The coin is sold at the Central Bank's premises as of Wednesday

* Enquiries: Currency Issue Department,

Tel.: 630301

Fax: 638889, P.O.Box: 37

the 28th of April from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

sense what it means to work together but live separately, to have the Palestinians run their life in their places with us running our lives in our places. That's a great advantage.

So do you mean that you want to lift this pretty soon? I think gradually this will be

Over the next month? I don't know. I don't want to

Negotiations with the Syrians

Let's turn to Syria for a second. The prime minister has made it clear that he would prefer movement on the Syrian front, which he believes would promote movement on the Palestinian front. How likely is progress with the Syrians?

Difficulties you have on both fronts.. The difference is in the nature of the difficulties, not in their existence. And I think wherever we can move, we have to. We shouldn't link progress on one to progress on the other because then you will end up linking the lack of progress to the other. And if you can move ahead with the Palestinians, fine. let's move ahead. If you can move ahead with the Syrians, fine. let's move ahead....

Generally, what is interesting is that the Arabs are discovering their main problem is not what comes from the outside, namely from Israel, but what happens within each of their countries And apart from Egypt, most of the countries are being governed by minorities and by brutal authoritarians. The ones who ...endanger them are the fundamentalists, not the Israelis.

How do you explain that the Palestinians are so good in read 🚓 🤻 ing the Israeli domestic situation, but the Syrians are not?

The Syrians are keen on reading their own situation. The Palestinians don't have a situation in their own state as the 📜 🕹 Syrians do. Let's not forget that (President Hafez) Assad is from a minority (group) that he rules

single-handedly.
There may be some changes in the Syria. By having tension with Israel, he justifies his own rule. I'think he realises the time line come for peace. He wants an impossible negotiation. Namely, ... Israel first of all, hand over every-thing he requests and then (he) will negotiate about what Israel gets in return. That is really allogical.

35,35

**

24

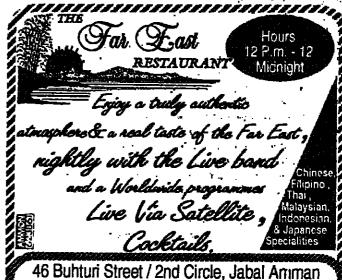
· •

: y-2</

3,

3.

4.5 G



Opposite French Loaf for take away or reservation please call 653482

DANZAS

INTERNATIONAL DOOR TO DOOR REMOVAL'S

GERMAN DRIVERS - AIR - RIDDEN REMOVAL TRUCKS YOUR REGULAR LINK TO AND FROM EUROPE

SPECIALISTS FOR DIPLOMATIC REMOVALS.

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

EASTERN SERVICES

OFFICIAL DANZAS AGENT IN JORDAN

TEL: 621 775 TLX: 23023 FAX: 656 270

PEACE BUILDING - JABAL LWEIBDEH

AMMAN - JORDAN

Hisham International Tours

"THE RELAIABLE NAME IN JORDAN"

IN THE NEAR EAST.

Chocolates Seventh Circle

Opposite Ramada Hotel Tel. 825423



CROWN INTL EST

Packing, shipping

Forwarding, storage

worldwide Removals

Air, Sea and Land

TEL: 66 40 90

FAX: 69 08 52

POST: 92 64 87

Amman-Jordan

MANDARIN RESTAURANT

Special Chinese Foods

Skilled Chinese Chefs

Open 11:30-3:30 & 6:00-11:30 daily

Take away is available

Wadi Sagra Road

near Philadelphia Hotel

Tel. 661922, Amman

JORDAN MARKET PLACE

JORDAN MARKET PLACE

in peace is another thing. When

you are a leader at war, people

appland you if you win and curse

you if you lose. But when you are

negotiating, people never ap-pland you when you make con-

cessions. They may applaud you

(only) when you reach peace. So

tions of all the leaders in the

Final status talks

You said earlier that the price of

neace is set, meaning everyone

knows what the final status talks

Do you mean a Jordaniiii-

So if the final outcome is basically

agreed upon, why don't we get to

Because then we will marry

If we should start to negotiate

two negotiations under the same

will be about.

Yes, more or less.

Palestinian confederation?

In my judgment, yes.

the crux of it already?

What's wrong with that?

appreciate the delicate situa-

JORDAN MARKET PLACE



THE PROFESSIONALS ALWAYS CHOOSE THE RELIABLE

PACKING, AIR FREIGHT FORWARDING, DOOR-to DOOR SERVICES AND DELIVERIES, CUSTOMS CLEARANCE, TICKETS AND, RESERVATIONS.

AMIN KAWAR&SONS P.O.BOX 7806



Prepared by our Open daily for lunch & dinne Take away services Jabal Al Husse Ministry of Trade HOUSE & Industrial Rd. Restaurant Tel. 867755

А Restaurant With An Artistic Ambiance

Always Loved The First Class Hotel in Amman that has a Kitchenette in every room... "Satellite T.V. Reception"

Once Tasted

DAROTEL

Amman - Tel: 668193 P.O Box 9403 - Fax 602434 Tele : 23888 DAROTL JO . Ideal Residence For **Expatriates and** Businessmen





AMRA HOTEL SHOPPING AREA Tel.: 813219

Utalian Restaurant

Live Music

open for lunch & dinner

Abdoun / Near Orthodoxy

Club Circle - Jordan Super-

market Building , 2nd Floor

Tel: 824677

our shop and get:a. jUMBO photo size 30% larger Free enlarge ment 20 x 30 cm Shmeisani - Opp. Grindlay Bank. Phone: 604042



RESTAURANT Mecca Street, Yarmouk Engineers' Housing Estate, near Kilo Supermarket Mongolian Barbeque for **Lunch Friday only** Tel: 818214

Professional Quality is

Swefieh tel: 823891

Develop your colour film at

Hour Service

Come and taste our specialities Open daily 12:00 - 3:30 6:30 - Midnight

FORTE

GRAND

AWWA

China Town

At The Forte Grand Amman An exquisite new meno at special prices

China

The first & best Chinese Restaurant in Jordan 1st Circle Jabal Amman, near Ahiryyah Girls School Take away is available Open daily 12:00-3:30

p.m. 7:00 — Midnight Tel. 638968

4 RENT & SALE

Many villas and apart

ments are available for

rent and sale, furnished

- Also many plots of land

For further details

Abdoun Real Estate

Tel.: 810605/810309

Fax: 810520

AURANT CH

are available for sale.

or unfurnished.

please call:





We try harder.

28 699-420

Book now & Join... Specialists in ' . . . Tailor-made 🧀 our classy summer trips . . . (8) days (7) nights Outgoing Tours & Hotel reservations at International & ☆ Antalya \$ 800 H/B ☆ Turkish Riviera \$800 H/B Luxury Hotels in ⇒ Cyprus \$770 B/B

Turkey Cyprus ☆ All in 5 star INT'L HTLS & Egypt Our first class services & moderate prices make sense for leisure & business travellers Tel.: 698180/698181, Fax 689307





Iraq displays military wares to mark Saddam's birthday

Iraqi armed forces staged their first military parade since the Gulf war Monday to mark the 56th birthday of President Saddam Hussein, who attended the display in Baghdad.

Itaqi television late Mondav showed the ceremony, which was called the "Parade of the Mother of All Battles," after the Iraqi name given to the Gulf war of January-February 1991. Surface-to-surface Tarek,

Raad and Ababil missiles on mobile rocket launchers featured in the three-hour display designed to show Iraq's military recovery since then.

According to Iraqi sources, these missiles have a range of less than 150 kilometres and are not banned by the United Nations, which has demanded the elimination of all Irag's nonconventional weapons.

Warplanes and helicopter gunships flew overhead during the demonstration, which also included displays of surface-to-air missiles, four-barrelled antiaircraft guns, tanks, mobile cannon and armoured cars.

Units of the elite Republican Guard marched to martial music before the official reviewing stand where President Saddam in beret and battledress, a revolver at his belt, stood to take their

Five warplanes flew in a low formation over the capital, and one plane was refuelled in flight. It was the first Iraqi military parade since one held in 1989 after the end of the eight-year

war with Iran. The Iraqi army, whose numbers were reduced by 60 per cent after the Gulf war, currently has some 400,000 men, and can count on support from an air force estimated to have more than 300

Foreign journalists in Iraq were not informed in advance of the military display, which took place near Baghdad's commercial centre, at a large ceremonial sta-

President Saddam celebrates his birthday on April 28 and large-scale preparations are underway in Baghdad and his birthplace, the province of Tikrit, 180 kilometres north of the capit-

Iraq last held a military parade in 1989, almost a year and a half before the start of the Gulf war.

Nuclear fuel

Iraq has agreed in principle to allow the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to remove 35 kilgorammes of nuclear fuel from a site southeast of Baghdad, IAEA spokesman David Kyd said Monday.

The nuclear fuel, currently under seal at Al Tuwaitha, will "very likely" be sent to Russia, reliable sources said in Vienna.

The operation will be by air, in two trips, and may begin in July and be completed towards the end of the year, the sources said. The cost, estimated at \$20 million, is to be borne by Baghdad under the U.N. sanctions imposed on Iraq in the wake of the

The agreement in principle between IAEA and Baghdad sets out the steps the Iraqis are to take before the dangerous materials are transported, and was signed last week by IAEA Deputy Director-General Maurizio Zifferero during a visit to Iraq, Mr. Kyd said, Mr. Zifferero returned

to Vienna last weekend. The IAEA must first sign a parallel agreement with Moscow, the sources said. tion involves "very delicate materials that must be carefully packaged," Mr. Kyd said, noting that the containers must be able to withstand the force of a possible plane crash to prevent con-. tamination. France and Britain had at first

expressed interest in taking the nuclear fuel, which originated in Russia and France. Moscow later made a lower bid for carrying out

Iragis walk over Bush

Iraqis finally got to walk all over George Bush Sunday. In-terior Minister Watban Ibrahim Al Hassan led the way as he and other senior officials trod on a marble mosaic of the former U.S. president in the lobby of Baghdad's Al Rasheed Hotel.

They were entering the hotel to reopen areas damaged by a U.S. cruise missile in the dying days of Mr. Bush's administration. The rocket struck on Jan. 17.

killing two women - a hotel employee and a guest — as U.S. missiles pounded a high-tech fac-tory in the outskirts of Baghdad. Iraq spent about 42 million dinars (\$125 million at the official exchange rate but a fraction of that on the black market) to repair the hotel.

Iran starts exercise

Iran started 10 days of military exercises in the northern Gulf Monday involving 36,000 sailors, soldiers and airmen, Iranian Television said.

The official news agency IRNA said Sunday ground, air and naval units, revolutionary guards and the country's "submarine unit" would take part in the six-stage Victory-4 exercise.



Iraqi howitzers roll through Baghdad during the Iraqi President Saddam Hussein takes the salute at parade (AFP photo) litary parade in Baghdad Monday. (Down)



King opens JTV satellite channel

Tunis and Rabat and more will be

celebration King Hussein deco-

rated a number of staff members

who have been working for 25

years in the Jordan Radio and

Television Corporation with va-

to 30 employees who completed

30 years of service with Jordan

Alkhas with Jordan's Independ-

ence Medal of the First Order.

Jordan TV Director Ibrahim

Shah Zada and Hani Farraj with

Jordan's Al Kawkab medal of the

Rimon Iskandar were decorated

with Jordan's Medal of the Third

The King also decorated driver

The celebration was attended

by Their Royal Highnesses Prince

Abdullah Ben Al Hussein, Prince

Faisal Ben Al Hussein, Prince

Ghazi Ben Mohammad, Prime

Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, the speakers of the Upper and

Lower Houses of Parliament,

Royal Court Chief Khalid Al

Karaki, Deputy Prime Minister

and Education Minister Thougan

Hindawi, Deputy Prime Minister

and Transport Minister Ali

Suheimat, the King's Private

Chamberlain, Minister of State

for Prime Ministry Affairs Ibra-

him Izzeddin and directors of

Faroug Jamil Ahmad with Jor-

dan's Independence Medal of the

Zahia Innab, Line Greiss and

King Hussein decorated Dr.

The King also presented gifts

At the end of Tuesday's

added shortly, he said.

rious medals.

Second Order.

Order,

Fifth Order.

Rabbani defiant against Hekmatyar's blockade

KABUL (AFP) — Afgban President Burhanuddin Rabbani remained defiant Tuesday as a blockade imposed on Kabul by armed forces of his rival, Prime Minister-designate Gulbuddin

Hekmatyar, began to bite. "This blockade is not an Islamic action, moreover it is not humanitarian," presidential spokesman Abdul Aziz Morad

The blockade was put into effect Saturday by commanders Mr. Hekmatyar's Hezi Islami faction, in protest at Mr. Rabbani's refusal to come to terms over the choice of a new

government. "Hezb is trying to pressure the people of Kabul but the spirit of the people is greater than the pressure of those Hezb commanders," Mr. Morad said.

Mr. Morad said he was confident the people would rise up and demonstrate against this injus-

A popular uprising against Mr. Rabbani is also expected by the

(Continued from page 1)

tee to deal with Palestinian. com-plaints, officials said.
"There is nothing important to report today," Mr. Allaf said after a two-hour meeting with the Israelis. Agreeing, Itamar Rabinovich, who

doubles as Israel's ambassador here

and as a negotiator, told reporters

Hezb commanders making the blockade.

However, even if the generally docile Kabul citizens did make any overt challenge to central authority they say they would expect swift reprisal.

How could the people uprise against the government. If they did they would get shot," shrugged a shopkeeper.

The simmering leadership feud between Mr. Rabbani and Mr. Hekmatyar, which was evident ine 14-vear-oid war against Soviet and Kabul government forces, erupted after the April 1992 victory of the Mujahedeen over the communist regime of president Naiibullah.

Mr. Rabbani's Jamiat-e-Islami faction forces, led by Defence Minister Ahmad Shah Masoud, have fought Hezb in several batties for the uncontested control of the capital.

of bloody clashes in January-February this year resulted in a stalemate which led to the March

The last round of seven weeks

signing of the Islamabad peace accords in which Mr. Hekmatyar was nominated prime minister-

In order to resolve this political the majority of the Mujahedeen faction leaders has been scheduled for two days' time.

Meanwhile the prices of essential commodities in the bazaars continue to rise.

"This blockade is a kind of economic war against the people Since the start of the blockade

last Saturday petrol, diesel, flour, sugar, cooking oil, meat, and rice have all substantially gone up

A strike called by Palestinian opponents of the 18-month-old talks para-lysed life in the occupied West Bank

Minister Yitzhak Shamir accused the Labour-led government of being will-

Israel is ready to make very many concessions, wants very much to reach agreement at nearly any price," said Mr. Shamir, the Likud Party leader ousted by Prime Minister Yit-

zhak Rabin's Labour party 10 months "sovereignty over the West

Bank and Gaza Strip. Across the street from the State

They stomped on and tore a ian flag and denounced Mr. Rabin, who authorised the nego-

ise," as "a traitor."
In wooing the Palestinians back to the table, Mr. Christopher had offered a number of assurances, and he said the talks might lead to self-

Mr. Christopher also told an Arab-American group last Friday night: "I am determined that we not only seem evenhanded but that we actually are

hood bloc in the Lower House of

the wholesale price of a 100 kilogmunications among the various ramme sack of wheat flour, sectors and leadership and renecessary for baking the daily main open and responsive to the staple bread, jumped the equivaneeds of society reflecting its

lent of \$10 in just four days. Many office workers earn around only \$30 a month in government ministries, while a family of eight consumes one sack of

open and flights by the state airline Ariawa are operating as normal.

without electric power in Kabul, but it was not clear whether the breakdown was due to a deliberate cut in the line by dissidents or

other causes. "As far as I know, the problem is a technical one, and power should be restored tomorrow or

the day after," Mr. Morad said. He said that if necessary the coloured lights strung up around the city for Wednesday's anniversary celebration of the Islamic victory in Afghanistan would be lit by diesel generators.

ding the withdrawal of the Arab parties from the peace negotiations and the implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 799.

In a statement coinciding with the resumption of the peace talks, the Brotherhood's representatives in Par-liament also called on the Arab countries to extend support for the Palestinian intifada and the "revival of the Eastern front" as a substitute for the 'futile" peace process.

They also demanded that Arab masses and political forces and the media exercise a "responsible role"

The Brotherhood sent cables to the prime ministers of Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon and the Palestine president demanding that they with-draw their delegations from the nego-tiations and direct their countries efforts towards "mobilisation and unity and to extend support for the Palestinian people.

The group demanded:

- Immediate withdrawal of all Arab parties from the multilateral as well as the bilateral talks and ending all contacts with Israel: _ Intensification of international efforts for the implementation of Re-

solution 799 and the repatriation of

the Palestinian expellees.

— Support for the intifada. "confront Zionist ambitions." Arab government consultations with their people to mobilise to help start a general programme of Jihad to liberate the occupied lands.

 Popular Arab condemnation of the negotiations process; and - Arab rejection of any "subjugation to the American hegemony.

Palestinians seek neutral panel

about regional cooperation, about this and that. So long as we are not treated as a party with full rights like other parties of the area no advances can be made," he warned.

Mr. Khoudary noted that unlike Israeli settlers in the occupied territories, the Palestinians are prohibited by Israel from digging new wells or enlarging existing ones.

But he said, citing the Israeli delegation, that Israel had rounds in Vienna and Washingaccepted that Arab-Israeli talks opening Tuesday in Washington

parliamentary and democratic background."

The King said that "it is the flour a month.

The airpost, however, remains right of every citizen to have access to information and this is the right participation of each citizen to serve his nation.

The media should uphold the nation's high values, must remain objective in criticism and should remain fair in judgement," he

(Continued from page 1)

cultural, economic and social

values on a backdrop of political

The new satellite channel will operate through Channel 24 of Arabsat, the Arab satellite.

Tuesday's launching was part of the country's celebration of Jordan Television silver jubilee. It came nearly three months of trial telecasts, Jordan Radio and Television Corporation Director General Radi Alkhas said.

Mr. Alkhas said that following the start of the experimental transmission in the past months, Jordan Television received feedback from viewers around the Arab World, expressing satisfaction with the quality of program-

Viewer feedback from Saudi Arabia, the Gulf region and other Arab states has been excellent, he said.

The corporation has appointed correspondents for the channel in London, Brussels, Paris, Vienna New York, Washington, Cairo,

information institutions. **Expellees prepare to return home**

(Continued from page 1) Hadi. Expelled in 1968 for organising women's demonstrations' against the occupation authorities, she has lived in Jordan since then. She is a member of the

"I have been waiting for this mo-ment for a very long time. I really am counting the hours now," she told the Jordan Times Tuesday. Abdul Jawad Saleh, expelled

mayor of Al Bireh, has been ready for his return after 20 years in exile for weeks. "I will leave within hours" after the announcement is made, he told the Jordan Times. Hanna Nasir, 54, president of Bir Zeit University who was expelled in 1974, was busy cleaning up his desk at the university's liaison office in Jabal Amman and was not available for

are all very excited," his wife Tania told the Jordan Times. Along with the symbolic return of expellees Israel is expected to execute wideranging measures designed to convince Palestinians of its serious intentions towards peaceful co-

to be released within the coming weeks, PLO officials said. "Improved human rights conditions which will put an end to Israeli practices of buildozing Palestinian homes, sealing off the occupied territories, and separating Palestinians living in Jerusalem from the West Bank

Palestinians, Israelis and Americans will participate, is also expected to be announced. The group will monitor human rights abuses in the occupied territories, Palestinian sources say. According to the Israeli daily Jerusalem Post, Israel will also announce "the relaxation of restrictions related to (re)unification of divided Palesti-nian families." No further details

According to well-informed Palestinian sources. 18 of the more than 30 names of exiles tipped to be among the first batch to return were: Azmi Shuaibi, PNC member, Fayek Warrad, PCC member, Rouhi Khatib, Mahmoud Shukeir, journalist and PNC member, Abdul Jawad Saleh, PCC member. Abdul Aziz Haj Ahmad, PNC member. Masapha Milhem, PNC member, Walid Ouds Open University and PNC member, Faisal Kanaan, Shahab Shaheen, member of the Palestinian Peoples Party, Khalil Sawahin, Palestinian Peoples Party member, Damin Odeh, Palestinian Peoples' Party member, Kamal Dajani, Shaker Abu Hijleh, Samih Naseer, Sheikh Rajab

Yemenis vote (Continued from page 1)

By sundawn, no violence was reported in any of the governo-

About 3,700 candidates are vying for the 301 parliament seats. In this country of 14.5 million, some 2.7 million men and women over 18 years old have registered to vote.

Pentagon seeks \$750m to finance Somali action

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — of basketball games
The Pentagon asked the Congress agreed to perform. Monday to take \$750 million from "Star Wars" research and other areas of current defence spending to pay for the U.S. military's operations in Somalia.

"There are no more painless pockets to tap," Defence Secretary Les Aspin told reporters. noting that the American humanitarian effort will officially end in early May although a few thousand U.S. troops will remain in the area for emergencies. Mr. Aspin said at a news con-

ference that his request to "reprogramme" fiscal 1993 Pentagon funds from such areas as the anti-missile Strategic Defence Initiative, commonly called "Star Wars", to pay the Somalia bill was to make sure that the money does not come from daily military operations costs. "Reduced defence budgets sev-

crely limit the flexibility we have to do things like the Somalia reprogramming," he said. "The problem is we're talking about a fiscal year 1993 budget which is already tight when it comes to finding sources."

Mr. Aspin's statement came as U.S. marines in the capital of Mogadishu Monday ended a fivemonth humanitarian mission to Somalia when they handed over control of the city to a United Nations military force.

The Pentagon request, which requires approval by the Senate and House of Representatives armed services and appropriations committees, includes reprogramming of \$80 million in Star Wars funds, \$274 million from immediate spending on new executive and cargo jet aircraft, \$136 million for lower-priority military equipment and other

Mr. Aspin noted that some lawmakers might object to some of the shifts in funds.

You can make a case for some of those things on that list, but it's going to be harder and harder." he said. "There are no more free goodies out there."

In Mogadishu Monday, a Pakistani regiment, part of a new 30,800-strong U.N. force to be deployed in Somalia by May, took over the policing of the city from the 2,500 U.S. marines scheduled to fly home Wednes-

The U.S,-led coalition came ashore Dec. 9 to help in the distribution of aid to the country's starving and sick. Some 350,000 people died last year in Somalia from famine and disease. Next week -

- the United Nations is expected to assume overall operational control, and start the mammoth task of rebuilding war-torn Soma-lia. Among the U.N. troops are 500 Pakistanis.

Monday's ceremony had a bit of an impromptu flavour, however, after it was discovered that last known tape of the American anthem in Somalia had apparently been packed in a hurry by other Marines who had already

flown home. So a 22-year-old Marine, who had sung the anthem at a couple in the last three months.

of basketball games back home 3g

Marine Colonel Buck Bedardram who has been commanding U.Sagi forces in the capital, also spoke to of the soldiers. Somali police offiguard ers and civilians gathered at theor ceremony.

He said he took a final driver around the city to compare conditions tions with when he arrived. "It was a city where the gun I

ruled. No one went out at night, Col. Bedard recalled. "Today AS schools are open. The Somaline police force is back in their base. racks. Shops are open. Markots are thriving. We have freedom of a movement, day or night. I feet ... very good about what we have a Also Monday, a U.S. amphila.

bious unit containing 3,500 Marines and sailors pulled out A from the southern port city of the Kismayu, where it has been bold to stering Belgian forces. Their decontingent in Somalia to 7,000.7 U.S. army soldiers hand over Merca, the last sector in their Americans' control, to the troops's

from Pakistan Wednesday. Then U.N. begins shouldering most of c the operation's costs Saturday is? Marines and soldiers have beenleaving in groups of 350 or moreur; nearly every other day for the last week. The total American forces. will dwindle to about 4,000 over-

the next year as part of the U.N.S. The remaining U.S. troopself duties will vary widely. They will a include a quick-reaction force that will respond to outbreaks trouble in the country.

Although some American period sonnel will remain in Mogadishu - both on the streets and in command and support roles they are largely being replaced by the Pakistanis

Canada orders military probes

Canada has ordered a military board of inquiry into the death of three Somalis allegedly killed by Canadian soldiers and one who died of a beating while in their custody. Defence Minister

Kim Campbell said Monday.
"It will inquire into whether any of the concerns arising from this Canadian forces operation are the result of systematic problems, particularly in the Canadian airborne. regiment," Ms. Campa [bell said in a statement to Raffier;

ent. Canadian forces are part of the task force that is helping restored order in Somalia. Ms. Campbell said she has 5 been careful not to discuss th

details of the incidents, two of which are under investigation by military police. But concerns over the secrecian surrounding the deaths and and tions of Canadian forces haven

prompted her to take action, she "There have been press comments about violence and racismi exhibited by Canadian troops in

Somalia," Ms. Campbell said Three Somalis have allegeding been shot by Canadian soldiers and one has died in their custodyic

Little response to call for Eritrea aid

By David Ghazan Agence France Presse

ASMARA — Relief officials are concerned that international neglect may lead to disaster in Eritrea, where most people depend on food aid after a 30-year war and repeated famines.

The World Food Program me (WFP) appealed for \$48 million to feed Eritreans in January. "To date the re-sponse has been almost nil," said Brenda Barton, a WFP information officer. This is alarming because food aid shipments take an

average of six months to arrive," she said. "The food pipeline might dry up by August, when relief stocks will be consumed." Good rains last year after three years of drought brought better harvests, but

Ms. Barton said that "significant needs still remain. Experts say it will take several years for Eritreans to achieve self-sufficiency in

"Our first priority is food security," said Haile Woldense, economics secretary in the provisional government formed two years ago after separatist rebels seized pow-

Mr. Haile said up to 80 per cent of Eritrea's estimated 3.5 million people, including 750,000 exiles, still survived on food aid.

And Eritrea's meagre resources will be further strained by the planned re-turn of refugees abroad, ab-out 500,000 of whom still languish in Sudanese refugee

The WFP says 1.5 million. war and drought victims, in cluding refugees who have; recently returned, are most in

The government is hoping for an influx of development. aid after a referendum on independence from Ethiopian that ended Sunday.

The referendum is widely, in

expected to ratify the de facto. independence Eritreans have enjoyed for two years. . But agriculture has been it completely disrupted by the est secessionist war.

The regime of ousted 12 Ethiopian dictator Mengisture Haile Mariam banned peasants from owning land

but his policies of collectivisation resulted in disester.

The Entrean government is still considering how to indistribute land and established the agricultural infrastructure & that will allow it to resettlend people made homeless by the victous war that killed and?

estimated 80,000 people. From 1990 to 1992, Eritrezia received 750,000 tonnes of the food aid, 300,000 tonnes of which were delivered in 1992 alone, Ms. Barton said. The WFP has also spend

more than \$8 million on ready habilitations the war-scarredus Red Sea ports of Massawane and Assab, essential to speedbis the flow of food aid. Massawa, captured by theore

Entrean People's Liberation of Front in 1990, was ruined by a shelling and bombing, and a shelling and bombing, and a sand was also badly damied



"Much was not accomplished today." He said Syria had been "rather vague" about its peace offer. But, Mr. Rabinovich said, "there is a mutual agreement to move forward." Earlier, Mr. Rabinovich had cantioned: "We will not be able to move forward without getting that very specific, explicit and precise de-But Mr. Allaf said the details should be worked out by the two sides

only after Israel agrees to give up all Christopher meets peace delegates

(Continued from page 1) the Arab side, Israel's supporters in the U.S. have taken a more apprehensive position. In fact several attempts have been made to clarify the "full partner" concept as one that would preclude added U.S. pressures on the Israelis to be forthcoming in

negotiations.
The American-Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the principal pro-Israeli lobby in the U.S., has circulated an Israeli-tilted "clarification" on what U.S. officials intended the term to mean. That circular, published in their bi-weekly newsletter, extrapolates that full partner does not mean an arbitor (a third party making a decision) nor a mediator (a third party making a public recommendation) nor a judge ("commonly defined" as someone

Rather, the circular says, full partner means an intermediary (a third party, testing ideas, helping define thent and serving as a communications link between the parties), facilitator ("commonly defined" as some-time who helps make things easier) and as an honest broker ("commonly

attempts at defining the issues and setting the agenda — obviously

attempted by the AIPAC definition
—believe it is a dangerous spin. They
hoped it could be rectified in Tues-

they came with specific and concrete responses to our questions."

Peace talks resume in Washington

vested with the authority to settle a

defined" as a neutral agent). Arab acgotiators who warn of such

of the Golan Heights. "The only way to achieve compre-bensive peace is with complete with-drawal," Mr. Allaf said.

He said Syria was offering "complete peace' and there was no better definition than that. "We are entering this time a deci-

sive phase in the peace process," he said. "What we hope is this ninth round does not end with the same fate as the previous rounds." Israel had offered to relinquish territory before the talks recessed in mid-December. But Israel declined to say how much of the land it seized in

the 1967 war it would give up until Syria spelled out its peace terms. Entering the State Department on a chilly bright day, Mr. Rabinovich said: "We are quite curious to know if

day's meeting with Mr. Christopher. Arab negotiators have viewed the U.S. intention in a more positive light - although the exact definition may be only better understood at the end of this round - which they say is being further consolidated by of "comprehensiveness" that

The fact that this administration is initiating this round's talks by calling a joint meeting of all parties affirms their commitment to the comprehen-siveness of a settlement (to the Arab-Israeli conflict)", a senior Arab delegate told the Jordan Times.

We are encouraged by the fact

that the Arab parties are meeting as

one team which obviously adds to the sense of comprehensiveness," Dr. Muacher said. To the Arab side, the translation of the Christopher meeting as an indication of a commitment to comprehenreness goes a long way in alleviating the fear of any possibility of having individual Arab countries sign Camp David-style separate peace treaties

The Tuesday afternoon meeting was including heads of all Arab delegations with one extra negotiator from those teams adding up to eight negotiators. The Israelis will be rep-resented by two members from each of their negotiating teams totalling six Israeli negotiators. Jordan will be represented by chief delegate Abdul Salam Majali and Ambassador Fayez

Mr. Rabbani has steadfastly refused to accept Mr. Hekmatyar's list of cabinet proposals, in

which Mr. Masoud is neutered by demotion from the vital defence portfolio to the sinecures of deputy prime minister and chairman of a committee in charge of foreign

of Kabul," noted Mr. Morad.

In the most dramatic price !.. ke

and Gaza Strip. Former Israeli hardline Prime

ing to pay almost any price for an

ago.
"The Arabs take this into account, as a result of which there's no doubt they'll increase their demands and raise the price," he told army radio. Mr. Shamir said Israel should de-

Department, a group of about 10 pro-Israeli demonstrators shouted no retreat from Jewish land ... not

In Amman, the Muslim Brother-

(Continued from page 1) sharing.

also cover the issue of water-

hours before the key bilateral negotiations were set to restart. A total of 40 countries, including Israel and 13 Arab states. were taking part in the meeting here which is co-chaired by the United States, Russia, the European Community (EC), Japan, the World Bank and host nation Switzerland.

Syria and Lebanon boycotted

the meeting, as they did earlier

The Geneva talks opened a few existence with the Palestinians. Large numbers of the 26,000 Palestinian political prisoners held in Israeli detention camps are expected

> and Gaza are expected to be introduced shortly," said a PLO official on condition of anonymity Tuesday. The establishment of a human rights working group, in which

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Lebanese teachers start indefinite strike

in Buck Bedar Hard Buck Bedar I Buck Bedar I

ok a final draw compare control of arrived where the particular region of the control of the con

ntaining 15% of port pulled or

it has been port

the America

Idiers hand one

1 sector in the

Wednesday Te costs Saturda

oldiers have been N of 350 or mos

er day for the la

American inter

part of the by

ng U.S. troop

widely They is

d to outbreaks

am in Mogarite

C Streets and support roles : being replacely

· military probl

referred a mile.

r. allegedly 😥

soldiers and a

beating white

Defence Mins

and Monday

are into white . cons ansing fig

terries operate t systematic page is in the Canada.

ent." Ms Cage

atement to page

ces are parter is beloing reage

cit and shell

not to discuss \$ neidents, 1904

: i investigation b

ie deaths and gradient forces by

to take action \$

legen previde

redence and mag-

anadian more (imphill x#4 the have allered

i unudan sides and in their owner.

the brough

a aid

animese retire

and the matter mehr vienns g neces who has need, are mede

tational is hope

Col deschipment iclerendum trant Links

taticans have

 $_{D^{k,k}}(\mathcal{M}^{D^k})$

office his been

descripted by the Mello 16, 210, ittan þann

t in district. THE RESERVE

anda reinn s mit Table the delait

COUNTRY ne Amencan [6]

BERUT (R) — Most of Lebanon's 70,000 teachers began an indefinite strike Tuesday, presenting the six-month-old government of Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri with its first major labour dispute. Most private and public schools failed to open, in response to orders by teachers' unions demanding pay raises and more benefits. Mr. Hariri, a banking and construction tycoon in his first political post, formed a government in October, pledging to revive the economy after 15 years of civil war. In another pay dispute, banon's 375 judges are discussing whether to resign in protest at the government's refusal to increase their salaries.

Top PLO visitor at French foreign ministry

PARIS (R) — Top Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) official Ahmad Korein called at the French foreign ministry Monday in the first contact between the PLO and France's new Schtre-right government. A ministry spokesman said Mr. Koreih, acad of the PLO's economic affairs and planning department, met Secretary-General Serge Boidevaix. No details were immediately evailable on their talks.

UAE cracks down on dirty taxi drivers

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Authorities in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are cracking down on dirty taxi drivers, impounding their "They gave the car back to me today but not the licence," said one driver whose taxi was among 83 that police seized here Saturday. "They told me I can get the licence if I clean my car and put on proper clothes." A police official said there would be more raids to ensure the UAE's 5,000 taxi drivers comply with health and safety rules. "Some of them had the same clothes on for two weeks. Their cars were very dirty and the air condition was out of order," the police official said. Fadl Khan of Pakistan said he passed the test. The policeman looked into my car and started smelling," he recalled. "He then stared at me and asked: How many days have you been wearing these clothes? I said three days, he then told me if is better to change them the next day." Iqbal Khan, another Pakistani, said police complimented him. "They said nice words to the when they saw my car was very clean as I have just cleaned it," be said. "I think they are right because how can you take a taxi full of sand and dirt and its driver has the same clothes on for 20 days." The crackdown is part of a long-term health campaign that was shut many restaurants and banned spitting in public.

U.N. sends medical aid to Najibullah

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The United Nations sent medical supplies to Afghanistan's war-shattered capital Monday as well as a doctor for ex-ruler Najibullah, who is suffering from kidney stones. Mr. Najibullah has been confined to a sprawling U.N. compound since the Afghan resistance, which he battled for 14 years, overran Kabul last year. He has been suffering from kidney stones for searly three months, and medical workers who have examined him may he has lost nine kilogrammes, said Sotirios Mousouris, the U.N. special envoy to Afghanistan. Mr. Mousouris has appealed tp Afghanistan's fragmented government to let Mr. Najibullah leave the country for medical treatment, but so far they have refused. Mr. Monsouris said the United Nations sent a doctor to examine Mr. Najibuliah, although his condition is not believed to be serious. The two U.N. aircraft that left Islamabad for Kabul also carried tonnes of medical supplies and equipment for hospitals in the devastated capital. Mr. Mousouris said the United Nations is particularly worried about an estimated 200,000 people displaced by the bloody fighting between rival rebel groups in the past year.

Indonesia begins transporting pilgrims

JAKARTA (AP) — Indonesia Monday began transporting nearly 175,000 Muslims to Saudi Arabia for the annual pilgrimage to Mecca. This year's Mecca pilgrimage is the biggest ever arranged by the government. The minister of transportation, Haryanto Dimutinto, who made a last-minute inspection at Jakarta's Halim Perdanakusuma airport; said he wanted to prevent a repeat of the chaos that marred last year's return arrangement, which delayed thousands of pilgrims. About 104,860 pilgrims joined the government-arranged trip last year and were delayed because chartered planes were not ready. A total of 175 flights will leave from four main airports in Jakarta, the North Sumatra capital of iedan. Surabaya in East Java and Ojung Pandano in south Sulawesi. About 80 per cent of Indonesia's 180 million people are Muslim.

UAE. Omani leaders discuss Gulf security

ABU DHABI (AFP) - The leaders of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and neighbouring Oman discussed Gulf security during tails in a border city Monday, the official UAE news agency (WAM) reported. It said UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan At Nahayan met with Sultan Qaboos Ben Said in the UAE oasis city of Al Ain, where the Omani leader arrived Monday by land for a visit of a few hours. The talks covered the Gulf situation and ways to bolster security and stability in the region in addition to Arab and international issues and bilateral relations, the agency said. "The meeting was characterised by a spirit of full understanding and similarity of views," it said without elaborating. Sultan. Qaboos, who later left the UAE, has proposed a 100,000-strong joint Gulf army to maintain security in the oil-rich region after the Gulf war. But the idea was apparently bogged down due to

differences on details of the force. Hong Kong team to make study in Israel

HONG KONG (AFP) - A 30-member delegation from Hong Kong's farming industry will leave Friday for israel to study new agriculture technology there, a government spokesman said. The study tour, organised by the Agriculture and Fisheries Department, will participate in an international agricultural exhibition in Tel Aviv to learn new technology to promote Hong Kong's agricultural products. Thousands of agricultural experts from 115 countries are expected to take part in the triennial expo believed to have the most variety of exhibits. The group will also visit the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation headquarters in Rome. The delegation includes six marketing advisory board

Cyprus freezes Serbian assets

NICOSIA (AFP) - The Central Bank Tuesday ordered the freezing of an estimated several hundred million dollars in Serbian assets held in Cyprus, in line with U.N. sanctions. It sent letters to 20 offshore banks, including three Yugoslav banks, and six Cypriot ones, asking them to freeze accounts belonging to "Serbian-controlled entities." Andreway Philippou, a senior Central Bank official, said. Serbian individuals are exempted. Mr. Philipou said there was "not more than a few hundred million dollars of Serbian-connected money in Cyprus." But he added a precise figure would not be known until the banks reported back to his office. Nor is it known how many of the some 500 Serbian offshore companies registered here will be affected by the freeze. He said most of these firms are held by individuals rather than by corporations or government-controlled firms. Central Bank Governor Afxentios Axfentiou has demed reports that some off-shore Serbian firms in Cypus were circumventing the initial U.N. sanctions imposed last year. U.N. Security Council Resolution 820 calls for tougher sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia — Serbia and Montenegro — in a bid to end fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Somall gets 20 years for banditry

MOGADISHU (R) - A "notorious bandit" has been jailed for 20 wears by a court in the central town of Baidoa, in Somalia's first years by a court in two years. No details were available. But a spokesman for the U.S.-led Unified Task Force (UNITAF) said trial on Monday involved a notorious bandit. The case was a test for newly set up regional judicial administrations, the spokesman said. The court's judgment was based on Somalia's former constitution and strict Islamic laws. Somalia has been in a state of anarchy, without a government or any form of authority or administration, since the overthrow of dictator Mohammad Siad Barre in 1991.

PLO takes 'last gamble' on peace talks as influence wanes

The Associated Press

AMMAN — Yasser Arafat has staked everything on a gamble that he can win enough Israeli concessions to stifle his own people's swelling opposition to the Mideast peace talks.

He could well pull something out of the hat, as he has repeatedly done when the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was on the ropes. But it may not be enough to halt the shift in the Palestinian centre of gravity from a move-

ment that has championed the

Palestinian cause for three decades to the new grassroots leadership in the occupied territories. On the table in the talks that resumed Tuesday in Washing-ton is limited autonomy for the Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip — not the independent state Palestinians

have dreamed about for more than four decades. To the "insiders," who have

endured a quarter-century of occupation, that means little more than Israeli military rule under another name.

For Mr. Arafat, his surviving old-guard veterans and their more pragmatic supporters. the U.S.-sponsored peace process is their best chance to secure a political foothold on which to eventually build a Palestinian homeland. It also

might be their last chance. There are deep anxieties in the PLO leadership in exile that their authority is being usurped by figures inside the occupied territories, who over the last five years have increasingly been directing the uprising against Israeli rule.
The PLO leadership is

sharply divided over Mr. Arafat's insistence on continued participation in the peace process. His opponents in the hierarchy argue that the potential gains are now being outweighed by the catastrophic

cost if they fail. Support for Mr. Arafat in the West Bank and Gaza has dwindled sharply in recent months as disillusioned and frustrated Palestinians swung behind the fundamentalist

Hamas and other radical fac-

tions opposed to the talks. "The violence in the territories will not stop until the Palestinians obtain their rights to independence," said Mustafa Hamarneh, director of Amman's Centre for Strategic Stu-

"If the uprising has shown anything, it's that anti-occupation violence works."

The negotiators themselves, all "insiders," strenously ob-jected to resuming the talks without guaranteed Isreli concessions. Mr. Arafat had to order them back.

bodyguards in the occupied territories to protect them from their own people. A Hamas leader, Ibrahim

The delegates now need

Ghosheh, said Saturday his faction will intensify attacks on

the Israelis to thwart the peace

He said that did not mean killing Palestinian negotiators. But in the powderkeg territories, that may not count for very

In Lebanon, Mr. Arafat is already locked in a vicious blood feud with Abu Nidal's renegade Palestinian faction. the Fateh-Revolutionary Council. It opposes any dealings with Israel and has killed many of Mr. Arafat's moderate lieutenants.

NEWS ANALYSIS

More than 20 people on both sides have been slain since last June in the resurgent eye-foran-eye vendetta.

Munir Makdah, a militia commander with Mr. Arafat's mainstream Fateh faction in South Lebanon, said Abu Nidal's gunmen "begin their killings... just before each of Middle East talks." just before each round Increased violence in the

occupied territories triggers harsh Israeli reprisals that only fuel the bloodletting and opposition to the peace pro-

Israeli Prime Minsiter Yitzhak Rabin is also under intensified pressure from his hardliners, limiting his room for

manocuvre. Even among the four million Palestinians in the diaspora, support for the PLO is shrinking, particularly since Mr. Arafat shot himself in the foot by publicly supporting Iraq's August 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Saudi Arabia and the oil-rich Gulf states, long the PLO's bankrollers, cut off financial aid. Some 400,000 Palestinians were booted out by the Gulf states, particularly Kuwait.

Losing the Gulf money forced Mr. Arafat to introduce sharp austerity measures, including hefty cuts in support for Palestinian refugees and the occupied territories.

This has alienated the longsuffering "insiders" even more as their disdain for PLO leaders comfortably in exile increased.

Militarily, the PLO is a spent force. Its guerrilla army was driven out of Lebanon by Israel's 1982 invasion and scattered around a half-dozen Arab countries. Palestinian

sources said the fighters are leaving in droves these days. The PLO's standing as a potent political force was waning even before Mr. Arafat's

Gulf crisis debacle. Now Mr. Arafar's only hope of reversing this is that the Israelis will realise it is in their interest to make concessions which will help him regain his once-unshakeable control of the Palestinian cause. Unless they produce some substantial compromise soon, it may be

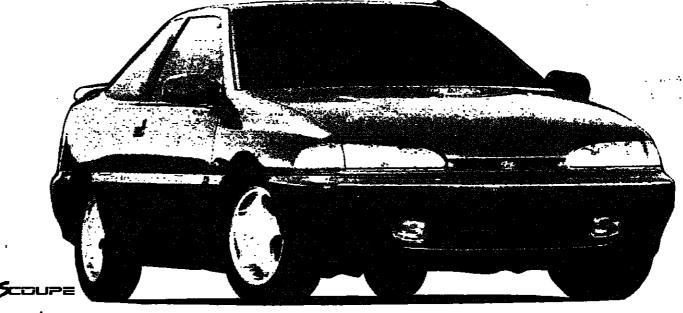
There are signs that the Israelis are softening.

Ed Blanche, the AP's Middle East news editor, has covered the region since 1985.

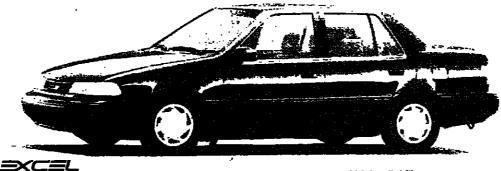
HYLINDAI'93

A car with excellent specifications that make driving a pleasure

You'll find comfort even in its price



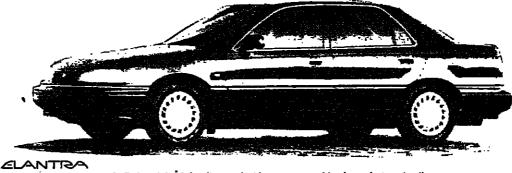
An aerodynamic and active car that provides speed & comfort



New standards in design, low fuel consumption and high reliability



SONATA The ultimate luxury and elegance



A distinguished family car that boasts a wealth of comfort and refinements

UNITY TRADING ESTABLISHMENT

Mecca Street Tel: 821310 - 821320 Fax: 822421 Amman



Roberts, Piggott poised for Guineas showdown

NEWMARKET (AFP) - South African jockey Michael Roberts and English legend Lester Piggott are lined up for a showdown in the 1,000 Guineas Classic Thursday.

Roberts' ride, Elizabeth Bay, heads of the betting at 9-4, but Piggot fancies his chances of a 31st British Classic success on Niche, an 8-1 tip. "She's a small filly and wouldn't win any beauty contest, but

she's a tough litle thing and has won three group races," reasoned the 57-year-old master, who has won the 1,000 twice. Piggott predicts that Robert's French mount will be the hardest

to beat because of her "terrific speed", but feels that Zarani Sidi Anna and Sayyedati will not be far away either. Roberts, meanwhile, believes that the biggest threat to an

Elizabeth Bay triumph over the straight Rowley Mile will be 5-2 second favourite Sayyedati. "On form the race seems to boil down to those two." said the

reigning British flat champion. Sayyedati proved a big disappointment in the Nell Gwyn Stakes, but trainner Clive Brittain is convinced she is in much

better shape now. He said: "She worked very well Friday and I've got her back to her best. She's put all the weight back on that she lost after the

As for 8-1 shot Zarani Sidi Anna. 49-year-old jockey Bruce Raymond believes she can bring him his first Classic success.

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

Williams breaks Murphy's free throw record

MINNEAPOLIS (R) — Minnesota guard Michael Williams broke Calvin Murphy's 12-year-old NBA record for consecutive free throws when he sand his 79th in a row on Sunday in the Timberwolves' season finale. Williams, a career 87.5 per cent free-throw shooter, has not missed a free throw since March 24 against San Antonio. He finished the game 10-for-10 to bring his season totals to 419-for-462, or 90.7 per cent. Murphy's record had been threatened several times in recent years. Earlier this season, Cleveland guard Mark Price, who leads the league in free-throw percentage, missed a free throw that would have tied Murphy's record.

Kempes retires

VALENCIA (AFP) - Mario Kempes, star of Argentina's 1978 World Cup winning team, is retiring from football. Kempes will bow out after a final appearance in a friendly match between PSV Eindhoven and Valencia, the club which bought him for three million pounds from River Plate of Argentina 1980. The 38-year-old striker, who now works in Spain as a TV and radio commentator, was twice the leading goal scorer in the Spanish League, as well as being top scorer in the 1978 World Cup finals.

Werder Bremen beat Bayern Munich

BONN (R) - New Zealander Wynton Rufer netted two penalties as Werder Bremen thrashed championship leaders Bayern Munich 4-1 on Monday to draw level with them on points at the top of the Bundesliga. Both have 39 points with six games remaining but Bayern, seeking a record 13th title, retained the lead because of a slightly better goal difference. The match will have done little for the confidence of Bayern's 19-year-old reserve goalkeeper Owe Cospodarek, a late replacement for Raimond Aumann, who was sidelined with a painful wisdom tooth.

No day dreams for prison bird Tyson

NEW YORK (AFP) - Mike Tyson says he is not even day dreaming about winning back his world title. "I never dream from the outside, I only dream from prison," the former heavyweight on who is serving a six-year jail term for rape told NBC TV. "When I sleep, I only dream about being in prison. Im don't dream about outside. That's the reality, I don't dream about it. I deal with my circumstances the way they are." He also shot down reports of him converting to Islam. "Yoy shouldn't believe everything you read," he said.

Wimbledon prize money soars

LONDON (R) - Prize money at this year's Wimbledon tennis championships has mushroomed by 14 per cent. The All England club announced Tuesday. Organisers said that overall prize money for 1993 would be 5,048,450 pounds sterling (\$8.05 million), compared with last year's figure of 4,416,820 pounds (\$7.04 million). The 305,000 pounds (\$486,200) men's first prize is 40,000 pounds (\$63,760) more than Andre Agassi collected in 1992. The winner of the women's singles will receive a record 275,000 pounds (\$438,400), an increase of 35,000 pounds (\$55,790) on the figure won by Steffi Graf last year. Wimbledon is about to undergo a drastic facelift and wants to avoid losing its pre-eminent position in the tennis world while building work continues over the next few years.

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold: **•**AK 7Q103 ∴A84 **•**QJ1062 The bidding has proceeded:
North East South W

1 Pass 2 Pr

2 Pass 2 NT Pr 2 4 Pass 2 NT Pass 4 Dbl Pass Pass

3 ± Pass 4 ÷ 5 ÷ Pass Pass Pass Rdbl Pass 4 NT Pass ? Game-forcing What do you bid now? -Study the auction carefully.

Partner's distribution is easy to read—6-4-2-1. With a singleton di-amond, partner would have redoubled after West doubled; with five hearts partner would have rebid three hearts, not three spades; with only five spades, partner would have raised two no trump to three. Therefore, you must lose the ace of clubs and a diamond. Sign off in five

Q.2-Neither vulnerable, as South **≜KQ1063** ₹A95 ≎73 **♣**K103

The bidding has proceeded: North East South West Pass 1 Pass Pass What do you bid now?

A .- There's an aroma of siam in the air, and the prospects for it are improved by your fit in partner's suit. Before cue-bidding your ace of hearts, we think you should publicize your honor in North's suit. Bid

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold: **4J843** ∵763 ≬AK9 **⊕**952 The hidding has proceeded: North East South West Pass

What do you respond?
A.—We do not mind bypassing a weak four-card major in favor of responding one no trump, but not on this holding! If the hand should

be played in no trump, partner should declare. Bid one spade. Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **AK63** ♥82 ♥**KJ653 492** Partner opens the bidding with three hearts and East passes. What

action do you take?

A.—Partner's non-vulnerable preempt promises six tricks with hearts as trumps. You bring two sure tricks, perhaps three. Pass, and hope that you've enough for partner

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South

you hold:

AQJ92 ©7 ©AJ6 AJ83
Your right-hand opponent opens
the bidding with one heart. What
action do you take?

A.—We think this hand is just a whisker too strong for a simple one-

spade overcall. Our choice would be to double, then bid spades over partner's response. Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West 1 ? 1 4 ? What action do you take? A .- If you play that jump shifts in competition are preemptive, you must start with a cue-bid of two spades. If you are content with more basic methods, jump to three

clubs. That shows an exceptionally good hand in this sequence, since

two clubs would be forcing.

Bruguera clinches rain-delayed **Monte Carlo final**

MONTE CARLO (Agencies) -Sergi Bruguera stormed through the second set Monday to win the rain-delayed final of the Monte Carlo Open, 7-6 (7-2), 6-0, ending Frenchman Cedric Pioline's bid for his first pro title.

It was the first title of the year for Bruguera, 22, and the seventh overall. He also won here in

The final, postponed from Sunday because of heavy rains, was interrupted for 90 minutes by another downpour Monday and then moved from the uncovered centre court to a covered secondary court.

Pioline, playing in only his second major final, trailed 5-6 in the first set when play was halted after 45 minutes. The interruption seemed to work against him. because he won only two points in the tiebreaker and put up little resistance in the second set.

The final initially was to be a best-of-five-sets match, but was shortened because of the postponement.

Bruguera, ranked 16th in the world, was the 11th seed here in a field that included Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker and Ivan Lendl.

Pioline, 23, who beat Edberg in the semifinals, was unseeded and ranked 29th entering the tournament, but was assured of moving up at least six places because of his showing here.

Pioline, now France's secondranked player behind guy Forget, lost to Pete Sampras last October in Lyon in his only previous final. 'No Frenchman has won at

Monte Carlo since Pierre Dar-

mon in 1963.

Agassi withdraws, Martin upset in opening round: Defending champion Andre Agassi withdrew due to tendinitis in his right



Spain's Sergi Bruguera jubilates after beating France's Cedric Pioline in the final (AFP photo)

first seed to fall in opening-round action at the \$300,000 ATT Challenge Monday.

Martin, the fifth seed and rank-

ed 39th in the world, was upset by 102nd-ranked Ronald Agenor of Haiti 7-6 (7-4) 7-5.

Agassi, the second seed, withdrew without playing a match in the tournament he has won for four consecutive years. He has a 20-0 match-winning record in Atlanta.

Agassi was due to fly in Tuesday to be examined by tournament doctors, obligatory if he is to avoid a fine and loss of ranking points for pulling out of the tournament after the draw was

Agassi's spot in the draw was taken by a lucky loser from the qualifying event. Canadian set and committed a stream of Andrew Sznaider.

ankle and Todd Martin was the ers. eighth-seeded Aaron Krick-

stein was upset by unseeded fel-low American Jeff Tarango 2-6 6-1 6-3.

In a match between two tour Veterans, 33-year-old Andres Gomez of Ecuador, the 1990 French Open champion, defeated 29-vear-old American Jimmy Arias 6-3 6-3.

Graf given stiff test to start Hamburg Open defence: Steffi Graf started her defence of the Hamburg Open title with a hard-fought 6-2, 7-5 win over Austria's Judith Wiesner.

The number two seed, undefeated in the six years she has played the tournament, dropped her serve in the second game. But Graf then eased through the remainder of the first set, breaking serve for 2-1 and again for 3-2

Wiesner did hold two break points for 3-3 in that set to warn Graf she could expect a difficult match. She refused to concede the battle when Graf broke serve in the opening game of the second set.

Wiesner's persistance and ability to place her shots well, rather than rush into errors as she had done in the first set, paid off when she broke back for 3-3.

But Graf gained a vital and rather lucky second break with the aid of a net cord to lead 6-5 and then served out for victory. Jana Novotna, number four

seed, eased past injury hit Briton Joe Durie 6-0, 6-2. The British number one, who has been suffering from a mystery knee ailment, played too tentatively to put Novotna under any pressure.

But the Czech failed TP maintain her momentum in the second unforced erros. But Durie in turn On a bad day for seeded play- served up six double faults and headed out of the competition.

Tension mounts in World Cup race

PARIS (AFF) - Nearly all the serious knee problems, said that European favourites will be step- based on his own experiences ping up the pace this week in the Gascoigne would face "an uphill race to reach next year's soccer struggle to get back to the same World Cup finals in the United level.' States.

The nine games Wednesday and a group one top of the table clash between Italy and Switzerland this weekend will go a long way toward sorting out the genuine candidates, from the also-

Some tough matches are in prospect as England take on Holland, Russia play eastern European rivals Hungary, France take on Sweden, Irish Republic play Denmark and Portugal entertain Scotland. Even though none of the six groups is yet decided. every game has something at

Holland can ill-afford a group two defeat at Wembley. And to set the pre-match psychological tussle underway. Dutch star Ruud Gullit Monday questioned whether England centrepiece Paul Gascoigne will ever play as brilliantly as he did before a knee injury nearly wrecked his career.
The 30-year-old dreadblocked Dutchman, who has also suffered Gascoigne had had a new scare

last week with the suspect knee rebuilt by surgeons, but he has been cleared to play after worrying stiffness was found to be no more than a muscle strain. - "It's the first time I've ever had a reaction to a knock on the knee.

Finding out there was nothing wrong is a big boost." said the Lazio midfielder. "It shows the knee is very strong and I don't have anything to worry about."
He added: "Holland are very skilful and we have to match them on that. But as long as we

don't give them too much respect and go about our business I'm sure we can get a good result." Both sides have seven points. but England have only played four games, one less than the Dutch who were beaten by surprise group leaders Norway 2-1

last September. The Dutch have their own injury problems as they will be without world player of the year Marco van Basten, defenders now.'

Ronald Koeman and Berry van Aerle and Wim Jowk. Dutch coach Dick Advocaat

predicted though "I think English people will see an excelent Dutch "We have players who may not be well known to England fans

but hopefully will be on Thurs-He identified 20-year-old Ajax prospect Marc Overmars and

Anderlecht striker Peter van Vossen, Holland's top scorer in the group, as two who could surprise England. Asked for a match prediction.

he smiled: "I hope we do not lose- it's important for us to get one point."

Norway, who like England have seven points from four games will be looking for a repeat of their 10-0 thrashing of San Marino that opened their campaign when they play Turkey.
"We must keep up the brilliant

start we made to this group," said Kjetil Rekdal, Norway's top scorer in group matches and one of the many players based abroad. "It would be a shame to let the

Race on to replace Clough

NOTTINGHAM (AFP) — Brian Clough's shock decision to quit football management at the end of the season sparked an immediate race for the plum job in charge of Nottingham Forest.

A host of former Forest players, led by Martin O'Neill, were named as likely successors to one of the most controversial and gifted managers in English soccer history.

Clough, 58, will stay in charge for Forest's two remaining league games and attempt to stop the team from falling out of the English Premier League. He has been in charge for 18 seasons during which time they won one league title, two European Cups and four Footrball League Cups.

But the announcement was made by Forest chairman Fred Reacher in Nottingham Monday, following weekend reports that Clough's alleged heavy drinking was getting out of hand.

Reacher had responded to those reports by giving his manager a new vote of confidence. But the club could not ignore the relegation crisis and Clough's

apparent inability to deal with it.

Meanwhile Clough Tuesday denied he was forced out as manager of Nottingham forest, saying he was retiring from the English soccer team because he "had just had enough."

Clough, whose retirement Monday followed a campaign by the team director to have him ousted, said he had been thinking about quitting for more than a

Clough was making his first public comments since his resignation was announced.

O'Neill, a former Northern Ireland international who has just led Wycombe Wanderers into the Football League, is favourite to be the new manager. He spent 10 years at the City Ground when all the big honours were won. Crewe manager Dario Gradi.

whose former players include England trio David Platt, Geoff Thomas and Rod Jones, is second favourite with bookmakers William Hill.

Forest coach and former player Archie Gemmill and Clough's right hand man Ron Fenton have also been mentioned. But there could be a long list of candidates.

Plymouth boss Peter Shiiton and assistant John McGovern were both Forest stalwarts during the glory years. Colin Todd, now assistant at Bolton, also had a spell there and Leyton Orient general manager Frank Clark is

another option. Roy McFarland, Clough's captain during his days at Derby and now number two at the Baseball Ground, also figures on speculative shortlists as does Manchester United's Bryan Robson now looking for a first managerial

Clough, who had been given a contract extension covering next season, has been fighting relega-"It would be a shame to let the tion all season — which has English and Dutch get ahead turned out to be the most disappointing of his career.

HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY APRIL 28, 1993

time is good for quietly analysing exactly where you stand and for seeking new ways to get rid of whatever is in the way of your advancement. You can gain the good will of others and start afresh

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Your day to look into whatever money or property interests are important to you and you find you now can make rapid progress towards a greater prosperity.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Your own personal goals are closer to you than you think and by using confidence and courage in going after them now you can make them

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) You now can consider every single item and specific that can be utilised in a confidential plan of action that you can use in the future.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You have a friend who is very definite and experienced in your various activities so get that persons assistance to gain your

LEO: (July 22 August 21) Put your best efforts in whatever your vocational or career potentials happen to be and you make rapid strides towards making them a worldly

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You certainly have a big

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carrell Sighter Foundation GENERAL TENDENCIES: Day- chance to make that advanced plan, you have decided upon work to

your advantage so don't hesitate, but put into execution now. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Your instincts what to do to make the ground beneath you more secure for your future is now vours so get into mundane aspects of goals, make them work.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) This is a very important day fer you to join torces with an associate who is usually determined to get own way so a mutual compromise is necessary.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You can this time with enthusiasm for whatever your activities and make remarkable forward advance with; successful CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

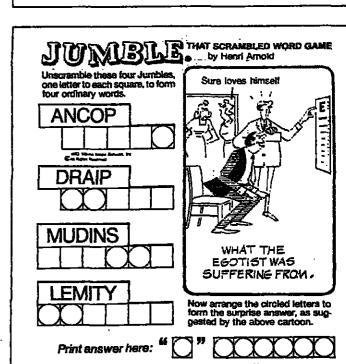
January 20) The specifies of whatever your special gifts can now be made to operate in your behalf so use every spare moment perfecting your special talent.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Look into whatever you feel will help there being a greater rapport at your residence and attend to the details of such a course at once.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) A great day to get out statements and reports and for appointments with businessmen, bankers, etc. so you have your affairs in better, good shape.



"The doctor's report says you only have half a heart! Because you've spent your life doing things halfheartedly!"



Peanuts

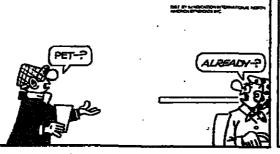






Andy Capp





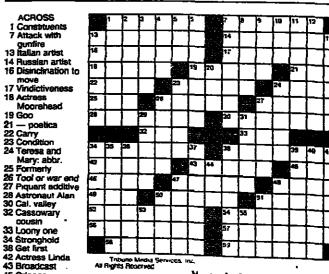


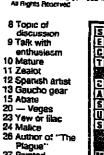
Mutt'n'Jeff



THE Daily Crossword by Richard Thomas

Jumbles: PAGAN DOWDY BEDECK FURROW Answer: What a few catty remarks turned the ladies' lounge into—A POWDER KEG





2 Shoe style 3 Golfer's wood 4 Victuals 5 Defendants, in Roman law 6 Cut severely

45 Orinoco tributary 46 Tax 47 Family

48 Joke or gag ending 49 Son of Gad

(Bible) 50 Mrs. John

McEnroe

performances 57 Ptaits

DOWN

24 Malice 26 Author of "The Plague* 27 Pryoted 31 The Lady movement

35 — anon (from time to time) 36 Italian artist 37 Most acidulous 38 Gives cues 39 French artist 40 Tries too hard

44 Chit 47 Makes mutfins 48 Pulverize

51 Highest pair 53 Put on the ician port 55 Gershwin

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

 $[\mathbf{0}^{\mathbf{p}_i}]$

inal dries
are condition
inved
at night
inday

There de ...

Th

s have been

for the br

LICSU DION

4.000 000

of the U.Y.

.S. troops

v. They gi

ction for

uthreattle

петісяя ре

tels and:

π 10les :

replaced:

dary prot

d a mile. the de⊋

gedly 🛣

rs and e

ոն որել

tce Mine Monday

auzini je

he Canada

Ms (zag

ani to Mag

a bra sé. L

i discus 🕏

टमारः सम्बं

r the scorp,

raths and 🤾

torce lay

AC ACTION 5

propress are

ce and RAP

nan trope

nobell sala

and alleged ıdı.in sılıkı

their custic

en litis

عطلاه خار

VICTORIA IF

who be i att mode.

texclopania rendum in om Ethors

ini is which

, the delaw,

unicans bes

to his hig. mica ha

to Menger on home with the self-processing home of collections. The self-processing home of collections of the self-processing home of the self-tion to the self-tion to

Mogadió:, 🖷

ARAB BARK
JORDAN RATIONAL BANK
HIDGUE BAST INVESTMENT BARK
HIDGUE BAST INVESTMENT BARK
HIDGUE BAST INVESTMENT BARK
JORDAN REWAIT BANK
JORDAN BEWAIT BANK
MAIN BARK FOR SAVING E INVESTMENT
BUSINGSS BANK
JORDAN HOVESTMENT BANK
MISON BARK FOR SAVING E INVESTMENT
RAB BARKING CORPORATION JORDAN
PELLADELPHIA INVESTMENT
ARAB BARKING CORPORATION JORDAN
PHILADELPHIA INVESTMENT
JORDAN FRENCE INSURANCE
THE RATIONAL BALLA INSURANCE
THE RATIONAL BALLA INSURANCE
JORDAN BANK TO TOWNISH
IRBID DISTRICT BEFORETION
JORDAN HATIONAL SELTPING LIBES
JORDAN HATIONAL SELTPING LIBES
JORDAN HATIONAL SELTPING LIBES
JORDAN GULF PEAR ESTATE INVESTMENT
JORDAN GULF PRACTICALIO SECURATION
PETRA ENTRPHISES & EQUIPMENTS LEASING
JORDAN GULF PRACTICAL STATE INVESTMENT
PETRA ENTRPHISES & EQUIPMENTS LEASING
JORDAN PRESS FOUNDATION ARRAY
JORDAN PROBLEM PROBLEM ARRAY
JORDAN PROBLEM PROBL 3.200 2.210 5.950 1.340 2.250 0.430 MACHINARY EQUIP. RENTING & MAINTENANCE
JORGAN PRESS FOUNDATION / ALGAT
NATED MIDDLE EAST & CONSOURE HOTELS
THE JORGAN EXCENT. FACTORIES
JORGAN PETROLEDM METTHRAF
JORGAN TAMBING
THE LEDUSTRIAL CONSERCIAL & AGRICULTURAL
THE JORGAN MORSTED MILLS
ARAB PERMORCETICAL MANUFACTURING
JORGAN CHRANIC INDUSTRIES
THE JORGAN PIPES HARVINGTURING
ARAB CENTICAL DELIBERTY INDUSTRIES
SPINNING & MEAVING
DORAM GLASS INDUSTRIES
DARAM GLASS INDUSTRIES
DAR AL DANS DEVELOPMENT & INVESTIGAT
RABS INVESTIGATE INDUSTRIES
DAR AL DANS DEVELOPMENT & INVESTIGAT
RABS INVESTIGATE INDUSTRIES
DARAM GLASS THE OFFICIAL TRADE 10.500 7.600 6.970 7.860 7.100 7.040 3.580 22.300 3.330 0.710 24.490 3.310 13.300 0.910 ARAB INVESTMENT & INCRNATIONAL TO 0.910 3.230 2.170 0.540 6.100 0.910 4.320 0.600 11.100 4.620 INTERNEDIATE PETRO-CEPE JORDAN PRODUCTION & MATERIAL JORDAN PRODUCTION PRECAST CONCRETE INDUSTRY AL CABLE & WIRE ENSUFACTURE SULPRO-CHEMICALS

Financial

Markets



3,707,162

.5.	Dollar	łe	International	Markets

NO. OF TRADED SHARES IN PARALLEL MARKET TRADED FOLUME IN THE PARALLEL MARKET

Currency	New York Close Dute 26/4/93	Tokyo Close - Date 27/4/93
Sterling Pound*	20/4/93	2//4/43
Sterning round	1.5834	1.5833
Deutsche Mark	1.5705	1.5746
Swiss Franc	1.4195	1,4240
French Franc	5.3090	5.3195 **
Japanese Yen ·	110.58	. 110.48
European Curreny Unit	1.2417	1.2403 **
USD Per STG		

*** European Opening at 8:00 a.m GMT. Date: 97/4/1993 1 MTH 3 MTHS 6 MTHS 12 MTHS U.S. Dollar Sterling Pound 6.06 5.93 6.18 Deutsche Mark 7.93 7.75 7.43 Swiss Franc 5.12 4.93 4.68 4.43 French Franc 8.50 8.18 8.00 7.62 Japanese Yen 3.15 3.15 3.28 3.18 **European Currency Unit** 8.68 8.56 8.31 7.81

Central Bank of Jordan Exchange Rate B:

interbank hid rates for assessits exceeding U.S. Dollars 1,000,000 or equ

		~~ 27/4/199
Сптепсу	Bid :	Offer
U.S. Dollar	0.6810	0.6830
Sterling Pound	1.0773	1.0827
Dentsche Mark	0.4328	0.4350
Swiss Franc	0.4786	0.4810
French Franc	0.1281	0.1287
Japanese Yen*	0.6158	0.6189
Dutch Guilder	0.3852	0.3871
Swedish Krona	0.0946	0.0951
Itelian Lira*	0.0466	0.0468
Belgian Franc	0.02104	0.02115

Other Currencies Currency	Date: 27/4/1993	
	Bid	Offer
Bahraini Dinar	1.7850	1.8200
Lebanese Lira*	0.03837	0.04550
Sandi Riyal	0.1813	0.1824
Knwaiti Dinar	2.2240	2.2740
Qatari Riyal	0.1843	0.1860
Egyptian Pound	0.1950	0.2150
Omani Riyal	1.7350	1.7670
UAE Dirham	0.1843	0.1860
Greek Drachma*	0.3125	0.3425
Cypriot Pound	1.4375	1.4675

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

1.2640/45 U.S. \$1.00 costs 1.5755/65 32.35/39 110.10/15 7.1900/2000

One sterling

One ounce of gold

Canadian dollar Deutschemarks Dutch guilders Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns

Studies point to OPEC bid for higher oil price

LONDON (R) — Logic seems to be telling Saudi Arabia and the rest of OPEC that the time has come to opt for a strategy of higher world oil prices.

That logic may look inescapable, say some top Western analysts, if the United States and other consumer governments go ahead and levy proposed new 'carbon taxes" on oil.

But, adds Mehdi Varzi at Kleinwort Benson Securities in London "OPEC has little time left to re-think its fundamental strategy.

Mr. Varzi's team has just produced a 42-page study on the outlook for oil which concludes that the Saudis were probably right in the mid-1980s to adopt a policy of low prices.

Oil demand rebounded and Saudi revenue needs were met from higher volume. But Mr. Varzi thinks that times may have

He shares a view which is widely held within OPEC (Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) that cheap oil in the 1990s will simply invite escalating Western taxes.

The West's finance ministers, not OPEC, will enjoy the pro-

Gold prices

moving up

LONDON (R) - Gold prices hit

an eight-month high Tuesday and

the dollar strengthened against

the mark as currency traders be-

gan anticipating a further easing of German monetary policy.

At Europe's midsession, gold

traded at \$352.25 an ounce, after

a morning fixing in London of

\$352.80, its highest setting since

last August. It had closed in

Traders said a deal Monday

between international financiers

George Soros and Sir James

Goldsmith sparked the rally.

which was fuelled by heavy Far

East business and a strong close

had paid \$400 million to Mr.

Goldsmith for 10 million shares in

U.S. gold producer Newmont

Mining Corp. and that Mr. Gold-

smith had invested the money in

"It's changed the way we see the market," one dealer said.

Amman elects

AMMAN — Skal Club Amman,

which is part of an international

movement "to develop true

friendship and common purpose

among members of the tourist

industry," has elected a new

The new board members are

Messers: Samir Sawalhah (President), Samir Ikkawi (vice-president), Khalil Ibrahim

(Secretary), Faeq Bisharat (treasurer), Ghaleb Sawalhah, Qoumn Twal and Zaki Ayyoubi

Skal Club Amman was estab-

lished in 1966 and endeavours

through tourism, to promote mutual understanding and poster

goodwill between the peoples of the world.

Skal Club

new borad

board Monday.

(members).

Cinema

Media reports said Mr. Soros

in United States.

gold bullion.

London Monday at \$350.20.

ceeds from future rises in OPEC production but, ironically, OPEC

> meet the bigher demand. The London-based Centre for Global Energy Studies is a "think tank" founded by the former Saudi oil minister, Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani.

will still have to find the money to

Even with extra taxes adding up to \$10 per barrel, it finds that the world will still need OPEC output capacity of 34 million barrels per day by the year 2000 from 26 million now.

But it believes that, at constant nominal export prices, additional OPEC earnings would only just cover the cost of some \$40 billion needed to build the extra capac-

"It's crazy," said an OPEC industry official. "We invest our money in providing them with more oil just so they can tax it." Yet another new study, from analysts led by Fergus MacLeod at NatWest Securities in London. looks at Sandi Arabian finances. It finds that Saudi foreign isets may by now have fallen

below \$20 billion from \$120 bil-

lion in 1986 thereby "severely

LONDON (Agencies) - Britain

says its longest recession since the

1930s in over, bringing new hope

to depressed businesses and the

unemployed, but reservations ab-

The 2-1/2-year recession, which

regarded as a more accurate mea-

sure, output rose by 0.6 per cent.

evidence so far that the economy

is recovering across a broad

front." Chancellor of the Exche-

quer (Finance Minister) Norman

Lamont said in a statement issued

Recovery has taken a long time

and the wounds of the longest

the 1930s will take years to heal.

The news followed a series of

encouraging figures.
One in 10 Britain's work force

is out of the job, 60,000

businesses have failed and the

economy will have to grow fast

just to get back to where it was

Many economists believe the

economy has only recovered now

because the government's old and much-cherished economic

strategy -- locking the pound in

the European currency grid -

Tel.: 634144

collapsed last September.

three years ago.

"Today's figures are the best

out recovery linger.

figures Monday.

longest recession

reducing the scope for future budget deficits.

The Saudis would prefer to get instal new output capacity to their revenue by continuing to push high volumes of cheap oil, the NatWest analysts add.

> "But they may feel they are left with no choice if the stimulus to demand from low prices is blunted by higher taxes.

> None of this, however, plains how a fractious OPEC might discover the discipline on honouring its output quotas which would be needed to ratchet prices up.

Last week's talks in Oman, for instance, between OPEC and other producers resulted in no specific steps on pricing.

Kleinwort's Varzi thinks OPEC must act decisively within the next few months to reaffirm its official goal of an average price of \$21 per barrel.

Current prices are below \$19 Mr. Varzi also feels that OPEC must reallocate quotas to favour the poorer members like Nigeria,

who will otherwise cheat. Saudi Arabia, if serious about higher prices, would have to be ready to concede some of its

jealously guarded market share. **Britain says**

since '30s is over news. "That is why I took very far-reaching measures in my budget. That is why we had a tight round of public spending last year. And we will have to have a tight round again. We

have got to have a curb on our

has undermined the conservative public finances because that is the government of Prime Minister biggest long-term threat to the recovery being sustained."
lan Amstad, economist with John Major, was declared over after the release of economic U.S.-based Bankers Trust, said Central Statistical Office fithe latest figures "suggest that the gures showed the gross domestic product grew by 0.2 per cent in recovery will be moderate instead of the robust start that some people have been expecting. But the first quarter of 1993. Minus

there is no doubt the real ecooil and gas production, widely nomy moved out recession in the first quarter." Britain's main employers' organisation said Tuesday that improved prospects for recovery from recession have led to the biggest increase in business confi-

dence here in 10 years.

In his quarterly industrial trends survey, the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), said an increase in export demand and deliveries over the past four months and expect the next few months to bring "the strongest growth in orders and output for

CBI Economic Affairs Committee Chairman David Lees said: "We are beginning to move out of recession, with exports

leading the way."

A total of 43 per cent of the companies surveyed are more optimistic about the general business situation than they were four months ago. Only 12 per cent said they are less optimistic.

Mr. Lamont remained cau-tious, after once wrongly announcing that "green shoots" However, the CBI warned Tuesday that there had been a of recovery and appeared, and continued decline in investment warned of a further "tight round" in new plant and machinery in of British public spending.
"The public sector borrowing spite of the government's temporary increase in investment allorequirement is a matter of conwances, introduced in the March cern to me," he said on Channel 4.

Iraq blames 'selfish' traders for price hikes

BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq blamed greedy traders Tuesday for recent food price hikes and said it was delivering thousands of tonnes of rice and sugar to community shops for low-paid civil servants.

"The ministry of trade has decided to pump 300 tonnes of rice, 300 tonnes of spgar and 50 tonnes of cooking oil to each of the country's provinces," newspapers reported a ministry source as

The measure is to provide foodstuffs to all citizens to enable them face the increase in the prices of sugar, rice and cooking oil caused by certain selfish traders," the source said.

The ministry oversees a rationing system which provides families with between a third and half their basic food needs at giveaway prices.

It also supplies community shops with basic foods at prices lower than those on the open

Only low income civil servants are entitled to buy from these

shops. In addition to monthly government rations, each family receives three kilogrammes of rice, three of sugar, 1.5 kilogrammes of cooking oil and 250 grams of

Last year the government executed 42 traders in a government crackdown on hoarding and profiteering.

Three hundred traders were arrested last month for over-

On Monday, the Iraqi dinar took another record dive and

forced over the weekend to stop buying dollars for vital imports. The dollar fetched about 70

dinars on the Baghdad black market Monday. At the weekend the rate reached 95. "There was crazy buying of the dollar," a trader said on Monday.

"The black market had never seen anything like it."
Before Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, U.N. trade sanctions and the Gulf war, the dinar was worth

\$3.10. That is still the official value, almost 300 times the unofficial weekend rate. With lifeblood income from oil exports choked off for 2-1/2 years. importers - including the state. which purchases food abroad for

its rationing system -- must buy dollars at free market rates, either in or outside Iraq. Traders said the currency rebounded Monday after the government took an unannounced

secision to stop buying dollars. They said further declines in the dinar will be difficult to prevent because the government cannot hold off buying dollars indefinitely. They believe government coffers are virtually empty

Trade ministry officials say they need about \$90 million a month to sustain a rationing system which gives lraqi families between a third and half of their basic food needs at give-away

Although Iraqis must supple-ment their rations with purchases as ever-spiralling prices from the

China Daily said.

Daily said.

China Daily said.

billion.

the newspaper added.

government's struggle against the effects of U.N. trade sanctions. A recent turning point for the dinar came in mid-February when the new U.S. administration convinced Middle East businessmen it would not relent on sanctions.

Milestone in the dinar's decline quoted by Baghdad traders include: Feb. 13 — 23 dinars to the dollar, Feb. 18 — 36 dinars. March 28 — 41 dinars, April 18 — 55 dinars, April 25 — 95 dinars.

Iragi officials acknowledge that the government has put too much money in circulation, fuelling inflation and undermining the

But they say that without printing money Iraq would not nave been able to repair Gulf war damage and launch big irrigation and building projects to absord hundreds of thousands of young

men released from the army. 'So far the government has been waiting for sanctions to be eased or lifted to save the sinking dinar," said one official Monday. "Now it realises it cannot go on issuing more and more money for

The United Nations has offered to let Iraq sell some oil abroad and use part of the income for purchases of food and medical supplies. Iraq has rejected the offer, saying the terms amount to a violation of its sovereignty.

Sanctions have also frozen billions of dollars of Iraqi assets in

China foreign debt hits \$69.3b tween 1991-95, \$10 billion more

than was originally forecast, the

China received \$11.6 billion in

"Moreover, China's ability to

direct overseas investment in

1992, surpassing total overseas

borrowing by about \$8.7 billion.

service its debt has been bol-

stered by speedy development of

the country's foreign trade, which

grew by 22.1 per cent in 1992 over

the previous year," the China

China's foreign exchange re-

Seeking to boost its appeal to

serves now stand at about \$45

international lenders, China is

now setting up a special emergen-

cy fund to guarantee on-time

repayment of foreign loans, the

China is now in the middle of a

free market, the rationing system

BELJING (Agencies) — China's accumulated foreign debt rose to \$69.3 billion at the end of 1992 and is likely to grow further as the country borrows more cash to fund development programmes, a senior finance official said.

Qu Youzhang, chief of the foreign investment administration at the State Planning Commission, told the official China Daily he saw China borrowing about \$50 billion between 1991-

"But even so, our debt service ratio will remain below 20 per cent of annual export earnings the internationally-recognised safety level," Mr. Qu was quoted as saying in Sunday's edition.

Mr. Qu did not give a breakdown of China's borrowing or repayment plans between 1991-95, saying only that actual use of new foreign loans would be capped at about \$10 billion this year. He said he expected China's

long- and medium-term debt to level out at about \$70 billion by the end of 1995. China's foreign debt in 1991

rose by 15.2 per cent to reach \$60.56 billion. The 1992 figure of \$69.3 bil

lion, a 14.4 per cent rise over the previous year, is made up of \$58.5 billion in long- and medium-term debt and \$10.8 billion in short-erm debt, Mr. Qu was quoted as saying. He said China could now

afford to borrow more because of the high growth in its export income and rocketing overseas investment in the country.

Official planners now expect China to absorb \$35 billion in direct overseas investment be-

Tel.: 677420

Tel.: 699238

Tel.: 625155

The fund, to be drawn primarily from the export incomes of local enterprises, is now being run on a trial basis in several

peak repayment period.

areas and is aimed at preventing a debt crisis "even if the burden of repayment piles up in the next

few years," it said "We believe China is in a good position to attract more foreign loans in the future." Mr. Ou was

quoted as saying.
Chinese officials have recently announced sharply higher inflation figures but continued to paint a rosy picture of an economy that Western and even Chinese economists say privately may be spinning out of control.

Zhang Zhongji, spokesman for the State Statistical Bureau, released first-quarter figures that tell the story:

- Inflation was the highest in five years. Retail prices in China's 35 biggest cities were up an average of 15.7 per cent from the first quarter of 1992. Prices in rural areas, where 75 per cent of the population lives, were up 8.5

- Local government investment in new factories, office buildings, shopping malls and other fixed assets were up 80 per cent from the first quarter of 1992. Much of the funds came from bank loans and tax revenues originally intended for other pur-

WANTED

Filipino married couple to work in a house Tei. No. 820156 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

FURNISHED FLAT FOR RENT

Fully furnished flat, in excellent condition, comprising 3 bedrooms (one master), 3 bathrooms, a big kitchen, a hall 10×10 mt. Elevator, car park, international telephone and 24 hour quard available. Total area: 200 sq. m. Location: Abdoun.

If interested, please call Tel. No. 694788 or 715678

NEWLY BUILT FURNISHED FLAT **FOR RENT** Situated in Daheyat Al Rashid, quiet area. Fully furnished,

consisting of 3 bedrooms, salon/sitting and dining room, private central heating, telephone, 2 terraces and private Tel.: 668408, 605886

SRI-LANKAN MAID WANTED

For one month, has to stay home. Place: By the 6th Circle, Jabal Amman.

Contact Tel.: 811839

VILLA WANTED FOR RENT

American family wants to rent a villa in Um Al Summag. Wadi Seir, Khilda, or University of Jordan areas. 4 bedrooms with another room for office are required. Preferably two floors.

Please call 680714 (home), 695250 (off.) No agents — only landlords reply

MODERN FURNISHED APARTMENT FOR RENT

In the best residential area, between the Fourth and Fifth Circles, Jabal Amman, near Amon Hotel "Hotel Training Centre." With telephone, central heating, built-in cupboards and television. Two bedrooms, large living room, two bathrooms and

Tel._777112 — 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. 674028 — after 4 p.m.

1.7690/700 Swiss francs 1.4197/207 Belgian francs French francs 5.3180/230 Italian lire 1470/1473 Japanese yen

6.6500/600

6.0525/625 \$1.5840/50

\$352,50/352,90

Nabii Ai Mashini Theatre

Today the Nabil Mashini Theatre hosts Al Fawanis Troupe acting in a play entitled:

PHILADELPHIA

Al Pacino - Michelle Pfeiffer

FRANKIE & JOHNNY

Shows: 12:30, 3:30, 6:15, 8:30, 10:30

Death of Taybeh

By: Suheir Fahd, Mohammad Al Qabbani, Amer Al Khafash

Cinema

CONCORD

4 OSCAR ACADMES FRANCIS COPPOL FILM

> DRACULA LOVE NEVER DIES

Shows: 12:30, 3:15, 6:00, 8:15, 10:30

PLAZA Steven Seagal In ---

> MARKED FOR DEATH

Shows: 12:30, 30:15, 4:45, 6:30, 8:30, 10:30

Nabil & Hisham's

AHLAN THEATRE

Welcome Parliament and Budget On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays: at 9:00 p.m.

Welcome New World Order

On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 9:00 p.m.

Please make advance reservation

Yeltsin tells Bosnian Serbs: No protection; Bihac under attack

MOSCOW (R) - President sanctions are effectively applied. flict to spread beyond its (pre-Boris Yeltsin warned Bosnian Serbs Tuesday they could expect no protection from Russia if they continued to defy an internation-. al peace plan for the former Yugoslav territory.
But a Foreign Ministry spokes-

man said the use of force by an international military contingent could deepen the conflict and spread it beyond the boundaries of former Yugoslavia.

Mr. Yeltsin described a plan drafted by mediators Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance and rejected Monday by Bosnian Serbs as the only prospect for peace in the

The time has come for decisive measures to quell the conhe said in a statement. Mr. Yeltsin's statement sug-

gested a more confident Kremlin approach to Yugoslavia following the president's victory over hardliners in Sunday's referendum.

Mr. Yeltsin won 58 per cent support in the plebiscite, which the president hopes will allow him to break the power of a parliament heavily coloured by nationalist thinking.

Nationalist opponents of the president regard his support of internation | sanctions against Serbia, including dispatch of troops under the U.N. flag, as a betrayal of cultural and ethnic links with

Slav Serbs. The United Nations stepped up the economic sanctions on rump Yugoslavia Tuesday over its failure to persuade Bosnian Serbs to accept the plan. The result, if the

recommends

ROME (Agencies) - A Senate

panel recommended Tuesday

that former Prime Minister

Giulio Andreotti should be strip-

ped of his immunity from pro-

secution so that he can stand trial

on charges of mafia conspiracy.

Panel member Antonio Fran-

chi told reporters 11 of Mr.

Andreotti's fellow-senators voted

in favour, 11 abstained and one

opposed the proposal. The issue

the full 326 members of the Sen-

Palermo magistrates on March

27 advised the seven-times

Christian Democrat premier be was under inquiry, alleging on the

basis of evidence from mafia

turncoats that he had been cosa

nostra's protector "from at least 1978 ... certainly to 1992".

Mr. Andreotti denied the

allegations, accusing the Sicilian

magistrates of political bias and

saving he was the victim of a

mafia vendetta because of his

lifelong battle against organised

mnation," said Sen. Franchi, a

member of the ex-Communist

opposition, after the panel vote.
"We recognise that Palermo
magistrates did their work with a

high sense of responsibility -

their attitude was not vindictive."

"I am not afraid of the truth

md will tackle with firmness and

decision all necessary moves to

ınmask this incredible machina-

ion," Mr. Andreotti said in a tatement released after the panel

He said unspecified pressures

had been put on the 23-member

lenate panel "in order to create a

Mr. Andreotti said that when

he full 326-member Senate

yould meet to debate the case, he

yould shed full light on what was

sappening "because it is not possible

o trample on a whole life dedicated

Meanwhile, the choice of Cen-

ral Bank Governor Carlo Azeg-

io Ciampi as new prime minister

vas broadly welcomed in Italy

fuesday, especially in the econo-

nic sector where he has built up a

arge store of trust over the years.

He is the first person from

sutside parliament to hold the

jost in the history of the republic.

n choosing Mr. Ciampi Monday.

resident Oscar Luigi Scalfaro

ook account of the strong desire

or change voiced by the electo-

ate in last week's referendum.

"Governor of Italy," the press

ailed him, noting that the omination of the 73-year-old

Jampi had caught political par-

Mr. Ciampi immediately ruled

ut consultations with them on

ne formation of a government,

ies on the wrong foot.

o the service of the state.'

limate of intimidation."

he told reporters.

ote Tuesday.

"This is not a verdict of conde-

ate next month.

l crime.

now due to be put to the vote of

Andreotti

Senate

panel

trial

will be almost complete isolation. Lord Owen warned of possible military consequences for Bosnian Serbs, who have forced Mus-

lims from many of their territories in a campaign of what has become known as "ethnic cleans-The plan he co-authored with

Mr. Vance proposed dividing Bosnia into 10 provinces on ethnic lines.

Mr. Yeltsin dispelled any possibility of Moscow breaking ranks with the West on Yugoslavia as long as he was president. The West had long feared the Kremlin could back down on a joint front that had been a litmus test of the post cold war order.

The Russian Federation will not protect those who resist the will of the world community," Mr. Yeltsin said, withdrawing any remaining Serb hopes of help from Moscow

The Russian president, despite: his reference to "decisive" measures," did not make it clear whether Russia would back the use of force against the Bosnian Serbs if economic sanctions failed to make them pull back.

But Foreign Ministry spokes-man Sergei Yastrzhembsky said diplomacy must retain the upper "There has been enough war on the territory of Bosnia-

Herzegovina," he said. The introduction of an international military component could further worsen the situation,

sent) boundaries ... with consequences that are hard to pre-

Meanwhile Serb forced defied the international community Tuesday by launching an offensive in Muslim-held northwestern Bosnia just as tightened United Nations sanctions went into force against Yugoslavia.

Heavy fighting also erupted in other parts of former Yugoslavia, one day after Bosnian Serbs refused to accept an international peace plan signed by rival Muslims and Croats.

About 1,000 Serb troops backed by eight tanks and artillery advanced several kilometres into the area around the town of Bihac at 4:00 a.m. (O200 GMT), the U.N. Protection Force (UN-PROFOR) said in a statement.

It quoted U.N. military observers stationed in the Bihac region as reporting fighting in four locations. Some 300,000 people in the area are being supplied with aid

The humanitarian consequences of sustained fighting in the area could be very serious," said the statement, which was issued in the Croatian capital Zagreb.

The new fighting was sure to anger the international community, which applied tough new sanctions against Serbian-led Yugoslavia Tuesday and is considering limited militay intervention to halt the year-old civil war.

Brussels to discuss the possibility Bosnia.

of Western air strikes or other action, although it was not expected to produce any decisions. U.S. President Bill Clinton said he hoped to announce steps against the Bosnian Serbs soon to force them to accept the plan.

"It is now, I think, clear that the United States and our allies need to move forward with a stronger policy in Bosnia," Mr. Clinton said in Washington Monday. He gave no details.

The sanctions stiffened a U.N. trade and oil embargo which was designed to force Yugoslavia to use its influence to end fighting in Bosnia that has killed thousands of people.

Fighting worsened in Bosnia Tuesday, with the Bihac attack the worst of a number of violations of a month-old ceasefire agreed by all three warring sides.

Muslim-controlled Sarajevo Radio did not immediately report the Bihac offensive, although it said two people had been killed in shelling of the area.

The radio reported fighting in the northern Bosnian towns of Brcko and Gradacac. It said 800 shells were fired at Muslim defence positions in Gradacac, a tank attack had begun and the town was rocked by blasts. It also said an unspecified number of civilians had been killed in the eastern town of Gorazde.

The Yugoslav News Agency, Tanjug, reported fighting between Serbs and Croats on nearly all fronts in the Serb-held Krajina NATO military chiefs met in region to the west and north of

S. African

homeland

to give up

independence

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) -

Lucas Mangope, president of Bophuthatswana black home-

land, warned Tuesday he would

not allow the territory to be reincorporated into South Africa.

He called for a constitution for

a new South Africa, to be drawn

up by unelected "experts" to be

put to a referendum before any

"As things stand at the mo-

ment, there is no question what-

soever, I repeat no question

whatsoever, of Bophuthatswana

giving up her independence. We

are surrendering nothing," Mr. Mangope told the territory's

"It is absolutely necessary to finalise all the principles of a new constitution at the multi-party

negotiations (taking place currently in Johannesburg), have the

constitution written by experts. and then have it approved in a

referendum before holding elec-

tions for a new South Africa," he

Bophuthatswana, rich in

minerals and the most economi-

cally viable of the four tribal

forces and lack of political free-

elections took place.

refuses

of the Association of Relation Across Taiwan Strait tion (SEF), Koo Shen Fu (left) shakes hands with his Chinese counterpart, Wang Daohan chairman

(ARATS) before their meeting Tuesday (AFP

China, Taiwan open historic talks

SINGAPORE (R) - China and Taiwan opened two days of talks in Singapore Tuesday, their highest-level negotiations since the end of the Chinese civil war in

The heads of the two semiofficial bodies handling ties discussed ways to expand trade and investment, cooperation to fight crime, and the creation of a regular, formal channel of communication between them.

The talks marked an easing of cold war tensions and rapid growth in economic links between China and Taiwan since the late 1980s. Taiwanese investment in China is estimated to total over \$7 billion.

"Establishing contact after a gap of 40 years, there are many problems that must be solved. If we sit down and talk, all issues can be worked out," said Wang Daohan, chairman of China's Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait.

Koo Chen-Fu, chairman of the Straits Exchange Foundation, said Monday that people on both sides "desire the resolution of confrontation and progress towards reconciliation

vowed to reunify the island with the Chinese mainland one day. Spokesmen for both delega-

tions said the Singapore talks were "non-political" and did not deal with the issue of reunifica-But Taiwan's Democratic

Progressive Party (DPP), which wants the island to declare independence and abandon reunification, said it feared the Nationalists might be taking a first step towards a secret political deal with Peking.

His Taiwanese counterpart Party accuses the Nationalist regime of conspiring to betray the rights of the people of Taiwan by holding secret talks with representatives of China," the DPP said in a statement. The DPP was barred from tak-

Both Peking and Taipei's ing part in the talks but sent a nationalist government, which dozen members of the parliament lost the civil war, claim to be the to Singapore to publicise its sole legitimate ruler of all China stand. Local police snatched a including Taiwan, and have protest banner from DPP demonstrators outside the venue of the talks Tuesday.

Spokesmen for both delegations described the atmosphere of the talks as cordial, but said differences on economic policy had not been resolved.

China urged Taiwan to lift its ban on direct air and sea linkswith the mainland, and remove remaining restrictions on imports of Chinese goods and visits by Chinese businessmen. Taiwan has repeatedly said it will not permit direct transport links until "The Democratic Progressive political tensions ease further.

U.K., China still divided over Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AFP) - Britain and China are still divided over Hong Kong's democratic development, sources said Tuesday, as officials from the territory left ary, who is assisting British like." here for further talks in Peking ambassador to China Robin Wednesday.

osals to broaden the electoral franchise in Hong Kong before 1997 that stirred up the six-month In the absence of any progress made in the first round of talks in Peking ending Saturday, Michael Sze, constitutional affairs secretambassador to China Robin "And we hope they will con-McLaren in the negotiations, re-tinue to be this way," he said. eday say

ters after emerging from a briefing with Mr. Sze that "the last round of talks were very business

Baroness Lydia Dunn told repor-

deadlocked on whether Governor only "I'm always optimistic." be made in the coming round of Chris Patten's controversial proptrol of Hong Kong from Britain in sources said, adding that Britain 1997, remained firm on its stance must adhere to earlier agreethat Mr. Patten's democratic re- ments on the transfer of Hong

row would be discussed, sources form package must be scrapped. Kong and the post-1997 govern-However, executive councillor ment of the territory. U.S. arson expert says cult started

fire that destroyed compound

WACO, Texas (R) — People inside the besieged Branch Davidian compound apparently sealed their own fate by setting the blaze that killed some 86 cult members,

an arson investigator said. The preliminary findings of the members said that federal agents ignited the flames when tanks. used to punch holes in the walls. knocked over kerosene lanterns.

Paul Gray, assistant chief investigator with the Houston Fire Department's Arson Bureau, mediately after the last tank rammed the building.

Instead, photographic evidence Gray told a news conference.

Some of the nine surviving cult showed there was a lag of several minutes, he said.

> Gray also said there was evidence that the blaze could not have resulted from a single blow to the structure.

"The two locations (where the fire started) were significantly distant from each other for us to conclude they could not have been caused by the same ignition source at the same time," Mr.

Khmer Rouge restricts 4 U.N. personnel to village

tricted four unarmed U.N. civilian police Tuesday to a refugee resettlement village in northwestern Cambodia, a U.N. spokes-

The armed guerrillas said the' men, two from France and two from Morocco, were made to stay in the village of Yei Ath to protect residents until govern-

attacked the village Sunday morning, sparking a battle with Khmer Rouge guerrillas in which between 20 and 30 rounds of Falt said. Nobody was killed in the attack and government soldiers had partially withdrawn, but

Rouge guerrillas.

peacekeepers had confirmed the government had launched the attack. He said that during the fire fight Khmer Rouge guerrillas surrounded the quarters of the U.N. police and stole two, U.N.marked vehicles.

which is often more tense

village went to Yei Ath Monday to bring water and supplies for-When they arrived, the guerril-

las said the U.N. police had to stay there until the government completely withdrew, Mr. Fait

Yei Ath is a Khmer Rouge-controlled village of 32,000 refugees who recently returned from camps in Thailand as part of the U.N.-controlled repatriation of 375,000 refugees along the. border:

teered to go to the village because the Khmer Rouge had offered them large portions of farm land. But, once back, a number of the refugees said they feared the village would come under attack because government troops occupied the surrounding area.

The Khmer Rouge has held more than a dozen U.N. personnel in the past few months and always has released them unharmed, usually after negotiations with the guerrilla group's leaders in Phnom Penh. But several weeks ago the Khmer Rouge withdraw from the capital, cutting off official dialogue with U.N. officials. Negotiations must now be done at the local level,

The Khmer Rouge is refusing to take part in the U.N. Thai authorities have told peacekeeping operation to stage Cambodian refugees refusing to democratic elections next month return home from a Thai border designed to unify the country's camp under a United Nations four warring factions under an elected government. Its recent will be deported, a senior U.N. withdrawal from Phnom Penh and continued hostility towards U.N. personnel has raised fears will be deported, a senior official said Tuesday. The refugees were told by Thai military officials that they would of renewed civil war. U.N.-supervised mine detec-

tion teams have cleared almost 10,000 landmines from more than .5 million square metres of land in Cambodia, the U.N. official said Tuesday. The anti-mine teams have also

destroyed some 5,000 unexploded shells littering the countryside, Mr. Falt said. A total of 2,204 Cambodians

have graduated from demining courses run by the United Nations Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC), he added. Millions of mines were laid in Cambodia over the course of more than two decades of war

The U.N. development programme estimated in a survey last year that 40 per cent of Cambodia's arable land had been mined. Thirty UNTAC personnel have

and violent revolution, experts

In a separate development. repatriation programme that they

be deported "any time" after the programme ends Wednesday, said Jahanshah Assadi in a telephone interview from the Thai border town of Aranyaprathet.

Mr. Assadi heads the repatria-tion programme of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Aranyaprathet, some 80 kilometres southwest of the camp, known as Site-2. There, he said, some 750 refugees were still refusing to return to nearby Cambodia.

Mr. Assadi said the warning was given by Thai officials Monday as some 30 soldiers from a border task force were briefly deployed in Site-2.

The task force, he said, will take over the settlement after the last UNHCR convoy leaves for Cambodia early Wednesday.

About 4,300 people are left in Site-2, the last Cambodian rebeen injured so far by mines and fugee camp on Thai soil. Bus convoys were to have been organised to take them across the border into northwestern Cambo-

Blame God, not men. women told in Zimbabwe

HARARE (AFP) - Women should blame their problems on God, not men. Zimbabwe Vice-President Joshua Nkomo told 60 startled women at a development seminar, according to a report Tuesday. "The problem of women is not a problem brought about by men, it is a problem by the Creator himself," Mr. Nkomo was quoted as saying by the Herald newspaper. The 75-yearold Nkomo went on to say the Bible clearly showed that when Eve was created for a lonely Adam she "started problems" by letting Adam eat the forbidden fruit. "These problems are those that men and women face even today," Mr. Nkomo continued, to the amazement of the women meeting at the Zimbabwe Institute of Public Administration and Management outside Harare.

'Money launderer' quits after 31 years washing coins

SAN FRANCISCO (R) - San Francisco said good-bye to one of its most colourful characters Monday, when the world's only legal money-launderer retired after 31 years of washing dirty coins at a city hotel. Arnold Batliner began washing coins at the opulent St. Francis Hotel in downtown San Francisco in 19e2 and has since cleaned an estimated 17 million in spare change. By washing all the coins used in the hotel. Mr. Batliner continued a tradition that began in 1938 when the hotel manager of the day, Dan London, ordered silver dollars to be cleaned to stop ladies' white gloves for getting dirty. Mr. Batliner, now 88, smiled proudly as hotel executives and other VIPs paid tribute to his long career at a champagne retirement party at the hotel and presented him with gifts and commemorative certificates. Jim Lazarus, chief of staff to San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan, gave Mr. Batliner a proclamation declaring Monday Arnold Batliner Day in San Francisco. A plaque honouring Mr. Batliner will also be hung in the hotel lobby. The fraillooking white-haired Batliner, who was born three months after the St. Francis opened in 1904 said he had cleaned enough coins "to pay off the national debt."

81-year-old Madame Claude arrested for running brothel

MOULINS, France (AFP) - An 81-year-old widow has been iailed on charges of running a brothel at her home in this central French town, police said Monday. Renee Claude was suspected of engaging prostitutes aged 40 to 60 who used one of her bedrooms to entertain clients over the past 12 to 15 years. The investigators said she exploited the distress of the women who had financial problems.

ivory coast cannibals jailed

ABIDIAN (R) — An Ivory Coast court has jailed three self-confessed cannibals and witches for five years, the evening newspaper Ivoir Soir reported. Quoting from the court transcript the paper said the women. Yvonne Deagbeu Sake, Helene Toun Manou and Mose Kpea, ate four people, including Ms. Manou's son Oulai. The three witches, from the remote village of Gahatou some 600 kilometres north of Abidjan, were arrested after the death by iliness of a village youth. A woman who had been trying to cure the ailing boy accused Ms. Sake and Ms. Manou of killing him with magic and Ms. Manou went to the police to complain of slander. She denied killing the boy but admitted eating his corp-se. Ivoir Soir said the women were sentenced to five years imprisonment and fines of about 5,500 each upon their release, a sum it would be impossible for them to raise. The paper did not say if they were convicted of murder, cannibalism or other off-

Ex-PoW turned flat into cell

LONDON (R) - A Polish man haunted by his time as a prisoner during World War II turned his London flat into a cell with bars on the windows and slept in a cage every night, police told an inquest. Polish-born Kazimerz Symanski, 81, died of pneumonia after living for five years in his home-made cell. Neighbours said he was afraid of being gassed. Police said he had no electricity or water supply. "That flat was his world and had he been removed, it would have been the death of him," policeman Nigel Newland said.

thich is expected to contaion a urge number of technocrats to arry out the reforms the country alled for in the referendum. Now having to play second iohn, the outgoing centre-left iling majority has nonetheless ssured Mr. Ciampi of its sup-

creating conditions for the con-

42 die, scores missing in Colombian flood SANTAFE DE BOGOTA (AFP) - Rescue crews worked frantically into the night after flood waters tore through a rural area of northwestern Colombia, leaving 42 people dead, scores missing and hundreds more homeless, Medellin police said. The Taparto River in Antioquia Department burst its banks after heavy rains, destroying more than 50 houses and coffee, cane and banana crops, in rural areas around the twon of Los Andes, 120 kilometres from Medellin. "It's impossible to know how many are dead and missing," said a police spokesman in Medellin. The storm brought down five bridges, cutting off road links to the Los Andes and its surrounding agricultural area, he said. Health authorities in Medellin have reported 73 people injured and rescue teams and emergency supplies were flown from Santafe De

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

London police hunt 2 blast suspects

LONDON (AFP) - Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad Tuesday was questioning some 10 people arrested Monday and hunting two others seen fleeing from a builders truck shortly before it exploded, devastating London's financial district. The blast Saturday morning killed one, injured 45 and crippled business, leaving the area of London known as The City in shambles. Investigators were also analysing a videotape made by a surveillance camera in the region, but held out little hope the tape would produce identifiable images because of the angle and distance of the camera. The tape "doesn't help us at all as towards the identification of anyone," said David Tucker, head of the anti-terrorist branch. A witness who described the two fleeing suspects could say little more than that they wore booded garments, said Tucker. He said the two walked away separately from Bishopsgate, site of the blast, and may have headed for Aldgate Underground station. Tucker said the truck had been stolen in northern England more than a month earlier, then repainted and fitted with fale registration plates.

Georgia denies bombing Abkhazian town

MOSCOW (R) - The Georgian Armed Forces Tuesday denied Russian reports that one of their warplanes had bombed a town in the rebel western region of Abkhazia. Russian Television said Monday that a Georgian plane had bombed the separatist stronghold of Gudauta and a nearby Russian military base, killing a woman civilian and a Russian officer and wounding 25 people. "This is false information, we categorically deny it," a Georgian Defence Ministry spokesman said. Hundreds of people have been killed in Abkhazia since fighting broke out last August between Georgian government forces and Abkhazian separatists. Georgia accuses Russian forces of secretly arming and assisting the rebels from former Soviet bases in the Black Sea region. Russian denies

'Kim II-Sung's health deteriorating'

SEOUL (AFP) - North Korean President Kim Il-Sung's health appears to have taken a turn for the worse recently, a Seoul press report said Tuesday, quoting unidentified South Korean officials. Yonhap News Agency quoted a Unification Board official as saying that a videotape of Mr. Kim's 81st birthday celebration on April 15 showed he appeared to have difficulty moving, especially when welcoming Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk. Another senior Seoul official was quoted as saying that, based on his television appearances and intelligence reports, the health of the world's longest reining Communist dictator was deteriorating considerably." Yonhap quoted the senior official as saying Mr. Kim was complaining from lack of sleep, hinting that he was suffering from insomnia.

Japan to join U.N. in Mozambique

TOKYO (R) — Japan, eager to play a larger role in U.N. operations, decided Tuesday to send 53 armed peacekeepers to Mozambique next month at the world body's request, government officials said. It is Tokyo's second post-World War II commitment to multilateral peacekeeping operations. Japan sent its first corps of peacekeepers — 600 engineering troops — to Cambodia in September. Since then, it has been under pressure from U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali to help elsewhere, particularly in Mozambique. A defence agency official said 48 of the peacekeepers would joint transport units in the southern African country and the remaining five officers would be sent to the headquarters of U.N. Peacekeeping Forces (ONUMOZ)

Astronauts begin space science work

HOUSTON (R) - Astronauts aboard Columbia activated a cargo bay full of experiments as the joint German-U.S. space shuttle mission appeared to have left its troubles behind. The only apparent complication was a malfunctioning freezer for storing blood and urine specimens, but the use of a backup unit was expected to fix that problem. The 55th shuttle mission is strictly scientific, lacking any attention-getting activities such as space walks or satellite deployment. The German-U.S. effort includes studies in life and materials sciences, medicine, robotics, earth observation and astronomy. The seven-member crew is split into two shifts so the mission's 88 experiments can be staffed round-the-clock, with breaks for media interviews and scheduled amateur radio hookups with groups on Earth.

homelands granted "independinvestigation, which showed the ence" by Pretoria in concordance with the apartheid policy of racial fire was started in two places ruled out that possibility, saying inside the sprawling complex at segregation, has been slated by the fire would have started imthe African National Congress about the same time, supported statements by federal authorities (ANC) for its repressive security

Khmer Rouge guerrillas res-

were still near the settlement, he

Mr. Falt, however, said U.N.

Since then, Mr. Falt said, the enerrillas had confined the police to the village. Four other fore-igners working for U.N. agencies live in the village but Mr. Falt did

PHNOM PENH (Agencies) — not know if restrictions also had

immediately after the 51-day

siege ended on April 19.

been placed on them. vehicles, Mr. Falt said.

ment soldiers withdrew from the area, spokesman Eric Falt said. About 130 government soldiers mortar fell near the village, Mr.

Government spokesman Khien Kanbarith denied that his faction's soldiers had attacked the village but said the fight was between two units of Khmer

A U.N. official from a nearby the police and order the guerrillas to free them and return their

The Khmer Rouge promised to return the vehicles with the U.N.

Many of the refugees volun-

unxploded shells, two of whom died of their injuries. There are currently 129 U.N. peacekeepers from eight different dia Tuesday and Wednesday. countries training Cambodians to deal with the deadly devices, Mr.

The camp was officially shut down on March 30.